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A bulldozer uses shingle to shore up weakened sea defences on Deal beach after the recent storms. Paul Marshall, incident response team leader, said: 'We acted quickly to shore up the defences and would like to thank the person who contacted us on 08708 506 506. Having the public as an extra pair of eyes and ears really does make us more effective in protecting communities.'

BY NICK AMES

THE recent bad weather was a warning to Deal about the risks of flooding the town faces, according to environmental experts.

The town's sea defences needed emergency repairs during the snow and storms to stop homes in the north of the town from being flooded by sea water.

One section of the sea wall was even washed away by the force of the waves.

The recent snow, which affected much of southern England, was driven in by strong easterly and north-easterly strong winds.

These gusts put the sea defences at north Deal to the test, with onshore winds driving the waves on to the beach.

In recent months Yourdeal has highlighted the problems that the town would face in a large-scale downpour or if sea water reached the streets, due to the poor state of local drains.

Staff from the Environment Agency were called to action after being alerted by a member of the public that a small section of the wall had been washed away by the waves.

The agency's incident response team from Lower Stour immediately inspected the wall and deployed a bulldozer for temporary repairs.

Despite being slightly damaged, the sea defences withstood the weather and protected the properties in the immediate area of north Deal.

The Environment Agency regularly maintains the sea defences with shingle, and the

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Gunman was 'lawfully killed'

■ BY IAN READ

BANK-robber Robert Haines was "lawfully killed" by an armed police officer, an inquest jury has decided.

The jury took three and a half hours to return its verdict on Monday afternoon, which brings an end to the hearing, which started on Monday, January 11.

Robert Haines, 43, from Challock, was shot three times after he opened fire on police in a car park at the back of the Nationwide Building Society in New Romney in October, 2006.

Coroner Dr Fiona Wilcox summed up the evidence yesterday morning to jurors following the hearing at Folkestone, then sent the jury to consider their decision.

Flying Squad and Metropolitan Police officers ambushed Haines and his gang.

After shouting at armed police, Haines turned and opened fire with his sawn-off shotgun.

Last week the armed police officer who killed the robber, known only as Echo 19, told the hushed inquest in Folkestone how he fired three shots to bring the man down.

He told them: "He was a huge figure dressed in black. His face was covered in a balaclava. I could see the white around his eyes... I shouted 'Armed police!'. I shouted as if my life depended on it."

Haines ran into a car park where the get away car was waiting.

Echo 19 said: "With amazing speed he ran and pirouetted round and brought the gun down. He was facing me. Then he fired.

"I saw a flash and heard a loud bang. I had no doubt he was trying to kill me. I raised my weapon and fired two shots. I aimed at the centre of his body. I thought he was wearing body armour. I fired again."

Fellow gang member Dean Jenkins also told the inquest how Haines opened fire on police even though they warned him they would shoot if he didn't surrender.

Jenkins, currently serving 17 years for armed robbery, said he parked a Mercedes get away car with the pas-



BANK-ROBBER: Robert Haines was shot

senger door and the boot open. "I heard people shouting 'Freeze, armed police!'. I saw the shotgun go off. A spark came out of the end," Jenkins told the inquest.

"There were three cracking sounds and he fell forward onto his face. He twisted round towards the police when he fired. His upper body moved when the bullets hit him."

Haines was shot three times and died on his way to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

Evidence

Officers from the Independent Police Complaints Commission backed the use of lethal force against Haines because the firearms team was in danger.

They concluded the Flying Squad would not have had enough evidence to charge him if they had intervened before the robbery.

Commissioner Mike Franklin said: "The death of anyone in these circumstances is a tragedy that leads loved ones to ask if anything could have been done that would have changed the outcome.

"The officer was responding to a clear threat to his and others' life when he discharged the gun."

Mr Franklin said officers acted professionally throughout.

He said: "We concluded that any arrest before the robbery would more than likely not have gathered sufficient evidence to charge and the decision to intervene as he entered the car park provided the best opportunity to safely control a dynamic and potentially dangerous situation."

New procedures 'do not affect expansion plan'

LYDD airport bosses have hit back at claims that new flight path procedures should be treated as evidence and further delay its expansion plans.

Protest group LAAG said the airport's introduction of the new navigation system is likely to lead to more missed approaches, diversions and flight cancellations, due to the restricted airspace over the Hythe military range. This in turn will create more noise and pollution spread out over a wider area of the Romney Marsh, according to the group.

But the airport said the satellite-guided approach, known as RNAV, is a back-up and provides more accuracy when approaching one of its runways, while making no difference to its predicted environmental impact.

Louise Barton, of LAAG, said: "The new RNAV procedures mean Lydd Airport now has an instrument approach procedure for both runways - runway 21 and runway 03 - whereas previously it only had instrument approaches to runway 21.

"We understand the airport does not plan to redesign its current ILS (flight paths). This means passenger aircraft such as the Boeing 737 and Airbus 319 would be unable to fully utilise the proposed extended runway on landing, further reducing the commercial attractiveness of the airport and its employment prospects."

Technology

However, airport senior manager Tim Maskens said it was making use of new technology to improve its operation, just as aircraft were becoming quieter and more fuel efficient.

He said the angle of descent was no lower than the original procedure and there was no new impact affecting the runway 21 approach.

Mr Maskens said: "As far as the Environmental Impact Assessment under consideration by Shepway is concerned, nothing has changed."

The improved track guidance provided would help reduce the "already insignificant risk" of collision even further, he said.

Mr Maskens said: "The procedures do not alter the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment but give reassurance that Lydd airport is working toward improving efficiency and reducing its impact upon people and the environment."

• The council meeting to determine the applications for the runway extension and new terminal will be held on Wednesday, March 3.

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Gurkhas rise to castle trebuchet challenge

■ BY NICK AMES

MODERN-day Gurkhas are confronting a problem that used to confound the men-at-arms of the Middle Ages – how to get a three-tonne siege engine within sight of the walls of Dover Castle.

The combat engineers have two weeks to dismantle the replica catapult, called a trebuchet, which is next to the castle's Great Tower. They then need to carry the parts of the wooden structure through a fortified gate and along a narrow rampart before putting it all back together.

The unusual piece of military engineering is part of the castle's revamp as a tourist attraction and will show how such early artillery would have been deployed during a siege.

"In fact siege engines did bombard the castle when King John was at war with the barons," said Steve Lang, head of visitor operations.

"They did some damage, but only to the outer walls. The catapult was inside the castle, but we wanted to move it to show visitors where it would have been during a siege."

The Gurkhas from H Troop 69 Field Squadron are usually based at Invicta Barracks, Maidstone, but for their temporary role of medieval engineers they are staying at the brigade headquarters in Folkestone.

"It is a bit of an odd task," said Staff Sergeant Man Ale. "But it has some aspects common to other forms of military engineering. I'm confident we'll be able to fulfil the task



TEAMWORK: Gurkha combat engineers begin to dismantle the replica trebuchet

and the soldiers are very enthusiastic. It is a chance to use their skills in a practical way."

The trebuchet is nine metres tall, which is about one third the size of the largest siege engines ever constructed.

It would have been used to hurl boulders at a defensive position – and in some cases the dead bodies of warriors would have been launched to demoralise their comrades.

The Nepalese soldiers are dismantling the structure, with the parts taken to the new location. Detailed plans have been drawn up

so it can be put together again. They were invited to take on the job after talking to Brigadier Iain James OBE, Deputy Constable of the castle, who is responsible for administration of the Army in his role as Commander of 2 (South East) Brigade.

Mr Lang said: "We received quotes from civilian companies. All said they could dismantle and move the trebuchet.

"But the Gurkhas were the only ones who said they were confident they could put it back together again."



A TALL ORDER: Engineers at work at the Great Tower

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Historian Steve Brindle on Henry II's court. Search 'Dover Castle'

Leader channels entente cordiale

IN a spirit of entente cordiale, the leader of Dover District Council praised cross-Channel cooperation at a meeting organised by the French authorities in Calais.

Paul Watkins was guest speaker at the Cereemonie des Voeux, celebrating Anglo-French relations and launching the municipal year ahead.

Cllr Watkins said: "We welcome the continued relationship that our communities have established with Communaute d'Agglomeration du Calaisais, complementing Kent's wider relations with the Nord Pas de Calais.

"Cross-Channel partnership brings advantages and opportunities to foster cultural and economic benefits – including the Open Golf at Sandwich in 2011 and the 2012 Olympics.

"Green tourism also has the potential to bring economic returns to support improving use of our heritage.

"Our ports are a major economic focus. We were excited to participate in the debate into options for the port expansion being proposed as part of the Calais 2015 Project.

"Through our location as the gateways to and from our countries, our communities are in the forefront.

"Dover and Kent look forward to 2010 as a groundbreaking year to continue to take our common interests forward."

Bad weather brings renewed warnings of flooding hazards

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next programmed works on the beach were due to take place in the following days to coincide with the tides; however, the damage to the sea wall meant that the schedule was then brought forward to start immediately.

Paul Marshall, incident response team leader, said: "We acted quickly to shore up the defences and would like to thank the person who contacted us on 08708 506 506.

"Having the public as an extra pair of eyes and ears really does make us more effective in protecting communities."

The group is working with Dover District Council to develop a new flood defence scheme for Deal, to reduce the risk of flooding to people, properties, infrastructure and the environment.

The flood defences at Deal protect the town from coastal flooding; however, the defences between Deal Castle and the Sandwich Bay estate



need improving. Proposals, which the town community will be consulted on later in the year, include construction of a low-wave wall between the Royal Hotel and Deal Castle and an increase in the shingle volume on the beach that will be maintained with annual movements of shingle.

Other plans include additional rock to strengthen the beach north of Sandown Castle and improving access along the promenade and the landscaping of the new defences.



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Harbour boat club on smooth trip to capital

FOLKESTONE Harbour Motor Boat Club has enjoyed a visit to the London International Boat Show.

Nine members of the club, formed in October last year, went on this month's trip.

Founded by Gerald Gregson and Bob Chittock, the club is intended as a forum for pleasure-boat-owners to maintain a close relationship with Folkestone Harbour Company, which has agreed to provide a venue for regular meetings.

Mr Gregson said that about 40 members had joined so far.

The next meeting will be at Folkestone harbour drivers' lounge on Thursday, February 4, from 7.30pm. Prospective members are welcome to attend.

For more details, you can phone Mr Gregson on 07505 362145 or Mr Chittock on 07880 537990.

Put the bee back in GB

BUMBLEBEES from New Zealand are being relocated to Dungeness RSPB as part of a series of projects at the charity's reserves.

Insect species that are either extinct or threatened with extinction in the UK are being reintroduced by the RSPB as part of the International Year of Biodiversity.

The short-haired bumblebee was once widespread in England but has disappeared as a result of modern farming methods.

However, populations taken to New Zealand by British settlers a century ago have survived.

RSPB volunteer Rob Jones is in New Zealand with Nikki Gammans of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. They have been collecting queen bees reared in Christchurch.

By this summer it is hoped the bees will have been introduced to the Dungeness reserve, near to the site where in 1988 the UK's last population was recorded.

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The Marquis heads for a Michelin star

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Marquis restaurant in Alkham has been named as one of the Rising Stars of British cuisine in this year's Michelin Guide, out this month.

The eatery – which used to be called The Marquis of Granby – has received much praise from diners in east Kent and has become one of the most popular venues in the area.

Owner Ben Walton said the recommendation would help boost visitors to the area.

"We are quite a new business, so it can take seven or even eight years to get established, but this will really help," he said.

"It shows that the area can support a good-quality restaurant and naturally we are all extremely pleased. It has taken a lot of work to get to this standard, though.

"The recommendation is given by the guide with a view to the restaurant concerned obtaining a Michelin star the following year.

"The idea is that the guide needs to see a similar level of consistency over the next 12 months or so and then the full award is made.

"But we are very pleased to have got to this stage and it is good news for the area as well."

In a newspaper review, The Observer correspondent Martin Love praised chef Charlie Lakin as well as the food.

The article said: "Charlie grew up in Yorkshire, where he started working under



GOING PLACES: The latest Michelin Guide has stated that The Marquis in Alkham is a rising star of British cuisine

Andrew Pern at the Star Inn in Harome, which won numerous accolades, including a Michelin star. Charlie's emphasis is on seasonal produce, local suppliers and low food miles.

"Rabbit from the valley, wild herbs from the hedgerows, and the catch of the day from the fishing boats at Deal.

"I had freshly-caught turbot, a lovely, intricate dish that was rich, flavoursome and plate-lickingly delicious. My wife went for roast partridge – the bird had been shot by The Marquis's owner the previous weekend.

"But these delights paled into insignificance

when the puddings arrived: coffee mousse with hogweed ice cream for her and a banana soufflé with tonka-bean ice cream for me – sounds odd, but they were bafflingly yummy."

In total there are 140 restaurants to be recognised by Michelin with a star, the highest number Britain has ever won.

Derek Bulmer, the guide editor, said: "Food in Britain can be compared to the best in the world. OK, we don't have as many stars in total as France or Italy does, but London is a gastronomic powerhouse and chefs are doing amazing things here in this country."

'Flawed' Dungeness decision under fire

SHEPWAY council says it has sent a "hard-hitting" response to the Government about its decision to not build a new nuclear power station at Dungeness.

Energy secretary Ed Miliband announced in November that the site would be excluded from the latest round of consultations on environmental grounds, sparking fears about lost job opportunities on Romney Marsh.

But as part of its response, Shepway said the decision was "flawed" and partly based on the wrong unemployment statistics, using those for Suffolk instead.

Written evidence will now be considered by a parliamentary select committee, and a council-commissioned report has said the incorrect data formed one of a number of errors.

The report states: "If the assessment of Shepway's economic condition was made on this basis, then it calls into question the judgements made.

"This is a vitally important shortcoming, particularly in the case of Dungeness as the current decommissioning of A station and closure of B station from 2018 are key threats to the area's future prosperity and its already fragile economy."

Council leader Robert Bliss said there were very strong grounds for a review of the decision to exclude Dungeness.

He said: "We have stressed the heavy local dependence on the nuclear industry and that a new station at Dungeness is vital to ensure a sustainable future for local communities.

"If Dungeness is not included as a site for a new station, this council calls on the Government to explain what intervention packages it will put in place to ensure that the loss of existing prosperity and the loss of future opportunity is mitigated against."



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UNDER COVER: New traffic signals near Folkestone West station have still not been connected by EDF Energy

Slow reaction to high-speed lights

EDF Energy has come under fire for failing to get new traffic lights operational which were designed to ease congestion near Folkestone West station.

Lost paperwork has been revealed as part of the reason the lights are not working, even though they had been due to come into action as the high-speed rail service started its full timetable.

Liberal Democrat county councillor Tim Prater said he has been told it was unlikely EDF would connect the lights in Shorncliffe Road before March, more than three months after their installation.

The lights were designed to ease traffic congestion, which was expected to increase after the introduction of the 140mph trains in December.

The revised junction and lights were installed by the end of November, but delays – including a possible loss of paperwork – now mean they are not expected to be working before March at the earliest.

An email from a Kent Highways engineer, revealed by Cllr Prater states: “the [EDF] Scheduling Team (the people who carry out the work) have not yet received the job from the Design Centre, to whom we sent full payment on 03/12/09.

“They currently have a lead-in time of 6-8 weeks from when they receive the job, which was apparently sent to them on 11/01/10.

“As a result, I cannot see us having the signals commissioned and working before March. I have done everything I can to try and get this work completed, but unfortun-

■ BY NICK AMES

nately this is now down to EDF.”

Cllr Prater said: “If EDF require such a long lead time to get new lights working, then its time we found a partner who can act quicker.

“It’s not just traffic lights. There are street lights across Shepway that EDF has failed to get working.

“There’s one in Horn Street, Cheriton, outside a school, that’s been out for over a year and EDF has failed to connect it.

“The service from EDF is awful. It’s time a new partner was found, one who would take less than three months to connect new traffic lights.”

An EDF spokesman said: “Kent County Council and EDF have introduced measures to improve the way we respond to street lighting faults and new connections.

“These have already improved results. We work closely with KCC and share the aspiration to continue to improve performance.

“KCC signed up to a service level agreement to raise EDF’s street lighting performance to the desired level and provide the service residents deserve.

“New working arrangements were introduced, ensuring more teams are available during the day, when faults are repaired.

“Additional teams were also taken on to work on jointing underground cables, as part of a recruitment campaign.

“To support new connections, the company appointed new contractors, with additional resources to ensure new power supplies can be connected more promptly.”

NSPCC: no comment on vomit case

THE KENT branch of the NSPCC has refused to comment after a woman was jailed for making a child eat his own vomit in Folkestone.

The charity says it needs more time to look into the details of the case before it can issue a statement about what happened.

Nicola Riding, 32, of Knottingley in Yorkshire, admitted one charge of child cruelty after she was filmed shouting orders at the eight-year-old after he had been sick on a table.

Maidstone Crown Court was told that a girl heard Riding shouting at the boy in May 2008 and recorded what happened on her phone, according to a report in the Pontefract and Castleford Express.

Dickon Reid, prosecuting, showed Judge Andrew Patience QC the short clip which

showed the boy had been eating cake when he was sick. Mr Reid said: “He was told to lick it up. He was given a smack to the head.”

The police were told and Riding was interviewed. The court heard statements from the boy’s parents, who said he was now nervous and at times aggressive and out of control.

The boy’s father said: “This is devastating to witness in a child of your own. He never did anything wrong to deserve such a life-changing ordeal. The effects on my son are utterly devastating.”

Catherine Donnelly, mitigating, said it was one incident involving a loss of control and the effect on Riding had been devastating.

Riding was jailed for ten weeks and Judge Patience said mistreating the child clearly crossed the custody threshold.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Marsh’s future on agenda

TOURISM, environment and education organisations and local authorities on both sides of the Channel are holding a three-day meeting on initiatives for Romney Marsh.

The agenda includes visits to the Royal Military Canal, Dungeness, churches, Little Cheyne Court wind farm and other landmarks. The project is part financed by the European Regional Development Fund and organised by Kent Wildlife Trust, Shepway council, Discover Folkestone, Hythe and Romney Marsh and the Boulogne Shepway Co-Operation Organisation.

The meeting began on Tuesday and runs until tomorrow (Thursday).

In a separate event, Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate Lynne Beaumont has arranged a meeting about boosting ecotourism on the Marsh. It is being held on Monday, March 1, from 2pm, at Dungeness RSPB reserve.

Thinking outside the box

TWO ShelterBoxes worth nearly £1,000 have been sent to earthquake-hit Haiti after the money was raised by Hythe Rotary Club.

Rotarians have also received £1,000 from pupils at the Harvey Grammar School in Folkestone for two more boxes, which contain relief supplies and tools.

Rotary has also received a cheque from a private individual, with the possibility of two more boxes being sent.

The club has also been collecting for additional ShelterBoxes outside Hythe’s Waitrose and Aldi supermarkets.

Water firm’s gold award

WATER supplier Veolia has earned a gold award from the considerate contractor scheme run by Kent County Council.

The awards are for high standards of workmanship on the roads and pavements by contractors who operate in a safe, consistent and considerate manner. Veolia’s Ian McAthly and Helen Apsey accepted the award during a ceremony at the Ashford International Hotel.

It is a third safety award for Veolia, formerly Folkestone and Dover Water Services, following recent accolades from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) and the British Safety Council.

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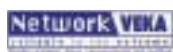
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Nicole opens the book on a life with cancer

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

CANCER battler Nicole Dryburgh says she hopes the sequel to her inspirational first book will give further hope to fellow patients.

The 20-year-old from Whitstable was diagnosed with cancer when she was just 11 and has since suffered a brain haemorrhage and a stroke, leaving her wheelchair-bound, blind and virtually deaf.

But despite her predicament, Nicole has devoted her life to helping others and has so far raised more than £130,000 for charity.

Her first book *The Way I See It* earned her an army of admirers when it was released in 2008, with its sequel, *Talk To The Hand*, covering the hectic months in her life that followed.

Nicole said: "I've only ever had nice comments about *The Way I See It* and I'm really happy people have enjoyed reading it. It's been out for two years now and I still get emails almost every day from someone new who has read it.

"I decided to write the second book because my first kind of ended on a cliffhanger. I was still on chemotherapy at the time and having other health problems, so I wanted people to know I'm still here and fighting.



FIGHTER: Nicole Dryburgh is inspiring many with illness

"So much has happened since my first book came out, so it's a good way to let people know how things have turned out. It's different because I'm not just telling my story, I'm sharing my advice, too."

Nicole was a competition-winning gymnast when, at the age of just 11, an operation revealed a rare type of cancerous tumour close to her spine.

Through radiotherapy it was reduced, but two years later she suffered the brain haemor-

rhage that robbed her of her sight. This was followed by a debilitating stroke that left the youngster confined to a wheelchair, and in late 2007 tumours were discovered behind Nicole's ears that have practically destroyed her hearing.

Yet despite such setbacks Nicole has devoted her life to helping others and is currently working with the Teenage Cancer Trust to try to raise enough money to fund a specialist unit at the Royal Marsden Hospital in Surrey.

She said: "I enjoy organising events and coming up with different ideas of ways to raise money. I know what these young people are going through, and that spurs me on to raise as much money and awareness as I can.

"I'd also like to write more books in the future, but I'm not too sure at the moment what to write next."

Named Britain's Most Inspiring Fundraiser in 2008, Nicole acts as a glimmer of hope for young and old people alike whose lives are being torn apart by illness.

When asked if she had any advice for such people, she replied: "Yes, just to stay positive and never give up.

"I believe a positive attitude can get you through anything. Obviously it can be hard sometimes, but just look to the future and keep smiling."

Drivers get advice on cutting child deaths

MOTORISTS are to be reschooled in road safety as part of a month-long campaign to reduce the number of child deaths in Kent.

Police will visit 40 accident black spots to give advice to drivers about the importance of driving safely, while the 'stop, look and listen' method of crossing the road will be hammered home to pupils.

Officers hope the operation will lead to a reduction in the number of children killed or seriously injured on Kent's roads, which in 2008 stood at 87.

A further 570 received 'slight' injuries. Acting Chief Insp Preston Chalk said the campaign came about as part of the You Said, We Did initiative, which promotes police following up residents' concerns.

Campaign

He said: "It's absolutely crucial that children are taught about road safety from a young age.

"They're often very frantic and enjoy running about, but it's important they know they can't always be like that when they're not in school.

"We hope this campaign will allow children to reflect on the consequences of running in the road and the impact it would have on their parents, friends and teachers if something terrible were to happen to them.

"Thankfully, the schools already work very hard to promote this issue, as do the majority of parents, so we are just enforcing the message."

The campaign – launched in partnership with Medway Council's road-safety team, Kent Highway Services and other partner agencies – was launched at Senacre Wood Primary School in Maidstone last week.

Concentration camp survivor's lessons about racism

BELA Rosenthal was just six months old when she was taken prisoner by the Nazis.

Her Jewish father had already been killed at the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in 1942 and her mother's death was soon to follow when she was struck down with TB.

Orphaned at just two years old, Bela was released from the Theresienstadt concentration camp when the Red Cross took it over from the Nazis at the end of the Second World War in 1945.

Despite having little memory of the Holocaust, during which six million Jews were murdered by the Nazis, Bela – now Joanna Millan – has clear memories of her childhood.

And to bring home the terrifying realities and pay respect to those who died, the mother-of-three gave her poignant account to schoolchildren at St John's Catholic School in Gravesend.

Her talk was timed for just before Holocaust Memorial Day, which is being held today (Wednesday).

This year's theme is 'The Legacy of Hope', which encourages young people to learn from survivors' experiences.

Mrs Millan, who lives in London, is using her own experience to push home the message about racism and tolerance to youngsters.

The 67-year-old, who has eight grandchildren, managed to survive in the Theresienstadt camp – 50 miles outside Prague – thanks to a lady called Litska Shallinger.

Knowing that the food in the concentration camp was contaminated, Litska would collect vegetables and hide them under her clothes so she could feed the young girl.

On May 3, 1945, the Red Cross took over the camp and Bela was freed, but she was not to return to her home in Berlin.

"My first memory was being put in a house by the Russians, while they decided what would happen to us," she said.

"The British government said it would take up to 1,000 children, but it took 300 in the end.

"I was flown with five other surviving orphans – it was a very confusing time. There was no family for me in Britain, so I was put in a home."

She was eventually adopted by a wealthy Jewish couple in London who changed her name to Joanna.

Eight years ago, Mrs Millan, who is chairman of the Holocaust Survivors Association, married a Jewish man and continues to have a close relationship with her own family. "I think I've tried to compensate for what I missed out on," she said.

This year's Holocaust Memorial Day commemorates the 65th anniversary of the Auschwitz-Birkenau liberation.

Karen Pollock, chief executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust, which organised the visit, said: "Joanna's story is one of tremendous courage during horrific circumstances.

"By hearing her testimony, St John's Catholic School's students will have the opportunity to learn where hate and racism can ultimately lead."



IDENTITY: Bela is now Joanna Millan

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QUESTION & ANSWER

JAMES HEMING



Q Tell us a bit about yourself

A I am James Heming, 39. I'm from Whitstable and one of the presenters on Heart's Breakfast Show with James and Gemma. I am the James bit.

Q What is your job and what does it involve?

A Officially I am a radio broadcaster, which involves entertaining Kent every morning as they wake up on Kent's No 1 commercial radio station.

Q How did you get into radio?

A It was back in 1992 that I got my first break, but years before that in my early teens I knew it was all I wanted to do but had no idea how to do it, or indeed if I would be any good. And to start with, I really wasn't very good.

Q Ten years is a landmark, what are your feelings now?

A I just can't quite believe that I have been getting up at 4.30am every morning for 10 years now. Yes, it is a landmark, but it has flown by. I mean, when we were younger I'm convinced we thought a decade was a massive amount of time. It's been like being on the radio for the whole of the 80s, just not quite as revolutionary.

Q What are your highlights?

A One main one has to be being able to evolve to keep it fresh. I never thought I would be particularly good at evolving or changing.

My boss probably still thinks I'm not, but a lot has changed in 10 years and I'm still there, so I must be doing something right. That's a highlight for me.

Other highlights would be all the amazing places I have broadcast from around the world, my favourite being Melbourne, Australia. Three blokes in a hotel, the entire Victoria tourist board at our beck'n'call, helicopter flights, after-show parties with rock bands and writing our very own Aussie soap... what a week!

Q Any big bloopers you wish to share?

A There is only one that I remember, but I genuinely think it is the only one. I got so impassioned with a subject, I accidentally included the 'F' word in my delivery. I'll never forget the looks on the faces from everyone else in the studio. I immediately apologised and most people said it was the funniest thing they'd ever heard.

Q What other broadcasting goals do you hope to achieve?

A Blimey, that's a tough one. The commercial radio industry has changed dramatically

over the past five years or so. It's certainly not a place you can make your million just by standing in front of a microphone. Once, maybe, but not any more. It's a daunting question because I still have 30-odd years of work to go and this certainly won't last forever.

I'd love to perhaps end up on a national station and do radio that involves more current affairs. I'd love to be a foreign correspondent.

Q What skills are needed to be a good radio host?

A Realise there is nothing funnier or more relatable than the truth; remember who your audience is; and check that your character is someone people will want to spend time with. Try not to be like someone else - have confidence that who you are will be appealing.

Q What do you like to do in your spare time?

A Sleep, eat (less at the moment), watch great American TV series, go sailing and try to keep the peace among the children.

Q Anything you would like to add?

A Just a huge thank-you to everyone who has supported the show. If you weren't there listening, I wouldn't be here. I put a huge value on the fact that people choose to listen to us here at Heart, especially with so much choice around. It's extremely flattering. Thank you.

Q & A

The Heart FM DJ speaks to **Simon Robinson** about his 10th anniversary as a breakfast presenter, a trip to Melbourne in Australia which turned out to be a highlight of his career and one memorable on-air blooper

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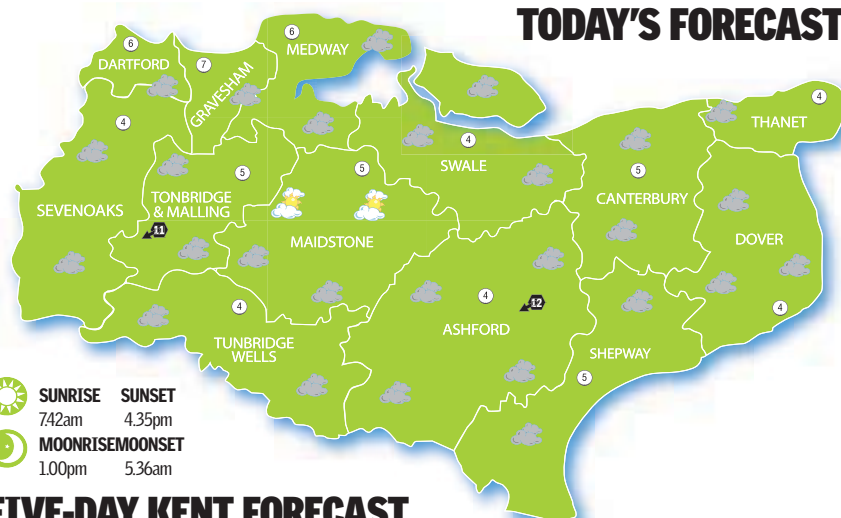
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	Sunday	11:40am	6.8m
Dungeness	Saturday	10:53am	7.6m
	Sunday	11:39am	7.9m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:21am	5.1m
	Sunday	12:10pm	5.2m
Sheerness	Saturday	12:33pm	5.9m
	Sunday	1:21pm	6.1m
Whitstable	Saturday	12:37pm	5.4m
	Sunday	1:27pm	5.5m



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Las Palmas	19°C	Wellington	15°C



SHOP WINDOW: High-speed rail services were discussed at Folkestone gathering of politicians and business leaders

'We must make most of high-speed rail service'

EAST Kent has put itself in the 'shop window' thanks to the high-speed rail link and opened it up to both investment and tourism, according to a Government minister.

Jonathan Shaw, Minister of the South East, was in Folkestone on Thursday last week to meet regional business leaders and politicians. Among them were Shepway leader Robert Bliss and deputy David Monk, Dover freight boss John Shirley and Maidstone Studios owner Geoff Miles.

Mr Shaw told Yourshepway: "This railway system is the first of its type anywhere in the country.

"I've been speaking to some of my colleagues in Parliament and I know they are very jealous of what we've got here in Kent, so it's about how we make the most of it.

"One of the business leaders said to me today he had a group of consultants down from London and they've been really impressed by what east Kent has to offer, how quickly they got here and the quality of the service.

"So it's a new shop window for east Kent - come down to this part of the county and see what we've got to offer."

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Is it any wonder our children just cry 'day off school' at the sight of snow when teachers set such a bad example?



The cold, hard facts about Ofsted attendance records

I LOVED the idea put forward by the county council last week that teachers should make their way to their nearest school on days when snow makes it difficult to get in.

And I was amused to hear that our teachers' employment contracts already tell them to do just that and they then had the cheek to criticise county councillors who didn't know.

Why, then, hadn't they turned up at their nearest school on snow days in line with their contracts?

Then I listened in wonder as a supply teacher phoned Radio Kent on the subject and squirmed pathetically about her colleagues' failure to do their jobs earlier this month.

She finally said yes, she would go to her nearest school... "if she could get out of her road".

Like many parents, I was again left incensed earlier this month by the ease with which

schools simply close up when there's snow... but it seems Ofsted (that bastion of ensuring standards) may actually be to blame.

Unfortunately we live in an age when teachers – who get loads more holiday than anyone else in the working world – believe that a little bad weather means they should have the day off school.

Without wishing to go on about this too much, surely if you take a job – any job – you agree with your employer to turn up on time and do the work for which you are paid.

Whether you are a teacher, shopworker or office worker, you have a responsibility to your employer.

Live too far away from your workplace? That's your choice – think about it before you take the job on. If it's going to snow, then if you live too far away, make arrangements to stay nearby – or, of course, take it as a holiday day.

But, with teachers setting their appalling example to our children, we now have a cul-

ture in Britain where snow means 'have a day off'. Fortunately our police officers, doctors, nurses and ambulance drivers still seem able to get into work when the white stuff falls.

And while you hear people say 'I can't get to work', you never seem to hear 'I can't get home' when it's been snowing. This is Britain, not Siberia.

So, back to teachers who finished their two-week Christmas break just in time for their annual fistful of snow days.

Why, you ask, do so many schools close?

Well, it seems that watchdog Ofsted may really be to blame. Attendance is one of the standards by which school performance is judged.

And if the school opens on a snowy day and children do stay at home, the school will be penalised.

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Police chief defends E.ON security letter

Fuller's force 'completely impartial' over protests

KENT'S Chief Constable Mike Fuller has spoken out against accusations that he undermined the public's right to protest at Kingsnorth power station.

Speaking exclusively to KOS Media, Mr Fuller denied claims made in The Guardian newspaper that he strayed from his duty to 'neutrally facilitate' peaceful protests when he advised the energy firm E.ON to take greater steps to disrupt any future activity on the site.

The accusations relate to an incident in October 2007 when six Greenpeace activists scaled a 200-metre smokestack to protest against plans for a new coal-fired power station, causing more than £30,000 damage.

Mr Fuller has been criticised for suggesting in a subsequent letter to E.ON that the German firm should seek "legal remedies" – including High Court injunctions – to scupper such demonstrations in the future.

But he told KOS Media that the advice was issued to the company in response to specific concerns about security at the site.

He said: "The company was treated in exactly the same way as any victim of crime, namely we provided it with the requested advice about security.

"Kent Police has a public duty to inform all organisations about any threat to their premises.



DENIAL: Mike Fuller refutes newspaper claim

"The letter is clearly advising E.ON to improve security to prevent further trespass at a site where there is the possibility of death or serious injury to anyone entering illegally.

"As Chief Constable I have a duty to the taxpayers of Kent to avoid excessive policing costs wherever possible, and that was what the letter was seeking to do by suggesting possible solutions to E.ON."

Nicknamed the Kingsnorth Six, the Greenpeace activists were all spared jail in September 2008 when they convinced a crown-court jury that any damage they caused was justified in the context of the potential damage that would be caused to the environment by carbon-dioxide emissions from a new power station.

E.ON said at the time that it was concerned other protestors would see the verdict as permission for them to break in and damage important power plants.

Mr Fuller's letter to the company – which was sent about eight months before the trial – states that his counter-terrorism security advisers could help the firm improve site security and that it was "grossly inappropriate" for Kent taxpayers to foot the bill for any of its shortcomings.

He told KOS Media: "We have not attempted to make any secret of the letter and it is available for the public to read on our website. It also specifically acknowledges Greenpeace's right to carry out lawful protests.

"Kent Police has always been completely impartial about legal protests and, as the Chief Constable of Kent, I have never strayed from my duty to remain impartial when policing demonstrations."

The accusations levelled at Mr Fuller represent yet more negativity surrounding the way the force handled the environmental protests at Kingsnorth.

Earlier this month Kent Police admitted using stop-and-search powers illegally at the infamous Climate Camp demonstration in summer 2008.

Politicians, protestors and academics involved in the rally have always claimed the police response was disproportionate to the threat posed by the activists.

MEP calls for burka ban to 'avoid divided society'

'BAN the burka' is the call from a leading politician in Kent who says the veil has no place on the streets of the UK.

Nigel Farage is the former leader of the UK Independence Party and is a Kent MEP.

He said that veils worn by some Muslim women to completely cover the face should be outlawed.

Mr Farage said fines could be used to dissuade women from wearing them but that policing this would be problematic.

He insisted there were three main reasons the burka, or full-face jibab, should never be seen in the UK again.

He told KOS Media: "I can't wear a hoodie in Bluewater, I can't wear a balaclava on the Underground and I can't wear a crash-helmet in a bank – and all for good reason.

"This is especially true as one of the 7/7 bombers in London escaped because he had a veil over his face. So the security point is inarguable.

"Secondly, we believe the veils are being used as a way to subjugate women.

"In a society where we talk about equality of opportunity and fair play for all regardless of age, race, class and sex, this is clearly being used to keep some women down, and there are forthright critics of this from the Muslim community itself."

The third reason Mr Farage wants a ban is to help prevent the creation of a divided society.

"All the main parties for decades have been calling for a multi-cultural society," said Mr Farage, who is from Bromley.

"And yet we are seeing a divid-



BURKA: Women in traditional dress

ed society of which the burka is a symbol. We are increasingly seeing ghettoised towns and cities, along with a rise in radicalism and, even more worrying, the increasingly loud calls for Sharia law to be introduced.

"We want to live in a society that has one law that is applied equally and fairly to everybody.

"The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, said two years ago that he saw the imposition of Sharia law in Britain's major cities as being inevitable. We do not agree with or want that analysis.

"The law has to apply to everyone or it is not worth a light."

The Kent Muslim Welfare Association was set up in the 1970s to support the county's Muslims.

It said its vision was to provide a range of Islamic services for the Muslim community in Kent with a view to improving quality of life and enhancing community cohesion.

Anwar Khan is the co-ordinator for education and community cohesion, and he said: "It's about freedom. If women want to wear them, that is their choice and they should be free to do so."



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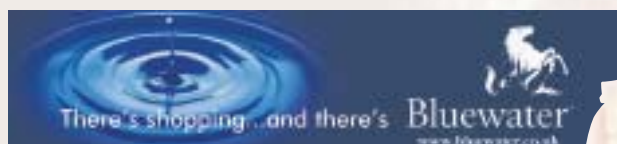
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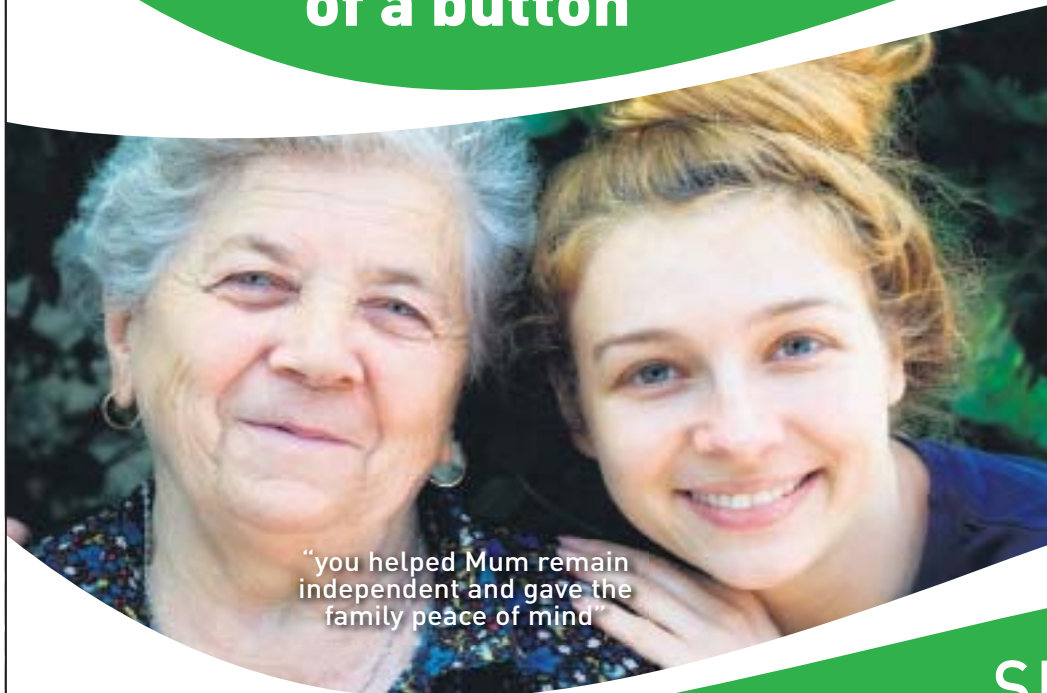
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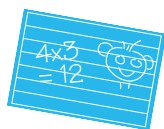
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Christ Church's eco-work gets green flag for effort

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

AN ECO-FRIENDLY school in Folkestone is enjoying a double celebration after being awarded two top green awards.

Christ Church primary in Brockman Road has been handed an Eco-Schools Green Flag, the highest accolade achievable under the international Eco-Schools programme.

It shows that the whole school is committed to improving its environment – only 47 in Kent have the flag.

Part of the school's green efforts include a group of year 3 to year 6 pupils forming an eco committee – called Planet Pirates Team – which meets regularly to discuss environmental issues in the area.

Christ Church has also been awarded a Red Flag as part of the Clean Kent Schools programme, which was launched in 2007 and works closely with Kent Eco-Schools to recognise those who show commitment to the environment.

As the criteria to achieve a Red Flag are integrated into the Eco-Schools project, Christ Church was able to work on both at the same time. Among other things, the school needed to demonstrate its commitment to keeping both school grounds and the wider community litter-free.

The pupils carried out a survey questioning local residents and businesses about



FLYING THE FLAG: The school's proud staff and pupils

their views on litter. They then used this information to organise a clean-up in the surrounding community.

County council chairman John Davies presented the school with the Green Flag award. He said: "The children are taking the environment seriously."

"They are doing a number of things to make the school greener. As part of their efforts, they like to encourage wildlife into their school grounds by having a wild area, bird-boxes and a pond. They are also planning on having allotments."

"This is excellent news and I hope more schools get involved in the programme."

The school first registered as an Eco-School in May 2003 and gained its Bronze Certificate in November 2005 and its Silver Certificate in May 2008.

BREAK TIME



SPORTING CHANCE: Some of the young people who changed their lives through the programme

Sports programme turns lives around

SIX young people from Folkestone have used sport to learn new life skills, boosting their chances of a better education and finding a job.

The Kent Community Programme,

delivered by Kent Safe Schools, has been awarded the 2009 BBC Power of Sport Award in recognition of its work.

The challenges facing the youngsters included being young parents, drug use, low confidence and lack of motivation.

Organisers used less-mainstream sports such as skiing, canoeing, basketball, climbing and scuba-diving to help engage with them during an eight-week course.

Some of the positive skills they learnt included delivering sports sessions, first aid and interview skills.

Tai Read, 17, is one of those to have benefited. Before he joined he had been excluded from school without completing his GCSEs and had regular appointments with the Youth Offending Service.

Over time, however, he became more involved, so much so that he has not been in any trouble since and is now studying at Ashford College.

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TALK TIME

STEVE BROWN

The Kent-born wheelchair rugby champion talks about his dream for the Olympics in 2012



Tell us a little bit about yourself

Born and bred in Kent, although I worked my way around Europe for four years. I have always been a keen sportsman but never really pursued it seriously when I was growing up. When I broke my neck in an accident in 2005, I took this setback as an opportunity to take sport more seriously. I now play international wheelchair rugby.

What does it feel like to be a successful athlete?

As an athlete you can spend months or even years training for a single competition. It doesn't come without its sacrifices, but when you win that medal or come top of the league, it all becomes worth it. The harder something is to get, and the more effort it takes, the more it is worth having.

What are you working on right now?

I have two sporting goals at the moment. Short-term it's to be part of the Great Britain wheelchair rugby team for the 2010 World Cup. I am also heavily focused on the 2012 Paralympics. Neither of these competitions will be easy, but we're training hard as a team and are focused on what we want to achieve. I am also working with the Youth Sport Trust as an Athlete Mentor for the Sky Sports Living For Sport programme. In this role, I go into schools throughout Kent using my story as a platform to motivate young people to realise their ambitions.

How do schools register to have you visit?

They can register for free online at <http://livingfor sport.skysports.com> to have me or another athlete who is involved in the scheme visit.

YOUR LETTERS

Take a long trip to some colder climes

I HAVE a suspicion that Ray Duff does not approve of me challenging his 'facts' or, for that matter, anyone else who dares to question his universal knowledge. He seems now to be fighting on all fronts – and not convincingly.

We all know that the climate is changing, but just ask anyone what concerns them and they will tell you immigration, crime, the EU and job insecurity. I can guarantee that no one will be the slightest bit interested in climate change – apart from Mr Duff.

Incidentally, the EU is now trying to de-Christianise Europe by forcing people to remove crosses and religious symbols from churches.

The reason is that children should grow up without any religious influence and should make up their own minds about religion when they are older.

Yet another uncalculated vindictive attack on me regarding my candidature for the BNP in the forthcoming election.

As for my bigoted views, he must painfully remember when I proved and said "bigots like Mr Duff are a thousand a penny".

Yes, Mr Duff, Nick Griffin may have been thrashed on Question Time, but it resulted in more than 6,000 new applications for membership and more than 10,000 requesting email updates due to his mistreatment on QT.

I would say the establishment was thrashed. What would you say, Mr Duff?

Someone once said "Not many

people know that". Well, not many people know that there were no anti-man-made global-warming experts allowed to challenge the Copenhagen talks (for that, read 'the cosy little club who are preparing to make mega-bucks out of low-carbon trading companies and are all singing from the same hymn sheet with billions of pound signs in front of their eyes'. 'Global warming good, sceptics bad' – echoing Orwell's Animal Farm.

Tony Blair – the former soap-powder politician-cum-US poodle and 'Trust me, I'm Tony, I'm just an ordinary kind of guy' – has set up his own trading company.

As we have found, he is not the type to miss out on an opportunity.

Ray Duff can put away his 'Made in Taiwan' plastic thermometer and stop prancing around the globe trying to prove temperatures are rising in Alaska and get in the real world, where people are beginning to see that the wool has been pulled over their eyes once too often.

The Antarctic contains almost 90 per cent of all the ice in the world and has been cooling for the past 30 years, not warming.

And the polar bears, which can swim up to 400 miles, are not drowning and there are four times more than 40 years ago.

We must patiently wait for our scientific explorer to return from the North and South Poles, where, armed with his abacus for the polar-bear count and his thermometer and of course more evidence from the next editions of The Guardian and New Scientist, he will give us more concocted doom stories.

I, for one, hope his journey will be a very long one.

Harry Williams
Hythe

Human-rights laws have no jurisdiction

IT has been perfectly legal (and still is) since the dawn of photography to take photographs in a public place.

What happened in 2009 is the Government, along with so-called 'Opposition' parties, voted in a new law that allows the police and the pretend police – PCSOs – to abuse that right.

Ray Duff in last week's paper may think that because it has been ruled illegal by the EU Court of Human Rights that these abuses will stop.

Did they not also rule that collecting innocent people's DNA and storing it was illegal; yet police and Parliament have totally ignored the ruling.

The Human Rights Act was brought in after the last war to defend the rights of the normal citizen against another dictator, but like many other things, governments/the judiciary cherry-pick what they want and interpret the written word their way.

Terry Hudson
by email

Railway rumours are way off track

ANY suggestion made recently that the Dover to Folkestone railway line should close is nonsense.

The high-speed train has been designed to bring people to the Port of Dover as quickly as possible to boost tourism – so to close it down would be ridiculous. The line has been kept open

when others have been shut down in recent years and to suggest it is now at risk is just rubbish.

Ian Jones
Folkestone

Welcome to dreary old town of Dover

WHEN will the local council do something to brighten up the approaches to Dover?

The route in from the port to the town has got to be one of the most depressing gateways into any country in the world.

Log-jams of lorries and some of the ugliest buildings anywhere all contribute to a feeling of wanting to get out of the area as quickly as possible.

I am sure this contributes to the lack of visitors to the town as there is nothing in the immediate area to tempt them to stay.

The only people who might be reassured are eastern European asylum-seekers.

Those grimy, ugly structures would not be out of place in any drab former Soviet bloc city.

They must feel right at home.

Paul Hughes
Dover

4x4 vehicles choice of the road bullies

I WAS most annoyed to read last week's blog praising 4x4 vehicles ('Why weren't our roads ready for the inevitable big freeze?').

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people who are afraid of the real world and want to bully pedestrians, cyclists and those in smaller vehicles.

The idea of there being any more of them is complete anathema to me.

A 4x4 vehicle is heavy, therefore dangerous to other road-users; it takes far more resources to build, emits more pollution and uses far more fuel than a smaller vehicle.

In addition, due to its weight, it damages the road and helps create even more potholes.

Talking of potholes – if people drove at a more reasonable speed when they knew there were potholes waiting to be mended, they would save a lot of damage to their cars.

I was walking along a country road last week and was almost run over by a 4x4 going far faster than necessary, and of course taking up the whole width of the road – our country lanes were not built for these huge vehicles.

My husband commutes nine miles each way to work, cross-country – by bicycle. In snow and ice he jumps on his recumbent tricycle instead.

We had high snow-drifts around Deal, but he never had a day off work.

I commute the same distance by cycling to the station and then putting my bike on the train, which I did through the bad weather.

During the snow I also commuted by scooter along the main road, so I

know that it was gritted and practically pothole free – a 4x4 was not necessary.

The only need for such a vehicle is if you live on a farm or down a track in the middle of nowhere.

Name and address
supplied to the editor

Blogger happy to see our roads go to pot

GARY Wright (last week's blog) endorses the use of 4x4s, claiming that they are the ideal vehicles to cope with our cracked and potholed roads.

Has it not occurred to him that it could be these monstrous Chelsea tractors that are contributing to the collapse of our road surfaces?

These craters and fissures can't all be down to the occasional cold snap as he fancifully suggests.

Even Jeremy Clarkson described 4x4-owners (who don't need them for farm work or for crossing rough terrain) as "clinically insane".

If more people purchased the green, economical motor vehicles Mr Wright sees fit to ridicule, we would notice a dramatic improvement to both the roads and air quality.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler
Canterbury

I agree with MEP, we should ban the burka

I AGREE with Kent MEP Nigel Farage, who says that the burka has no place on the streets of Britain and is calling for it to be banned.

I also agree with him when he says that we live in a divided society, of which the burka is a symbol.

We need to stop allowing ourselves to be bullied by anti-British extremists who bite the hand that feeds them and by do-gooders who appear to be unwittingly aiding them with their politically-correct propaganda, thus playing straight into the hands of British nationalists.

The burka is not mentioned in the Koran; a religion is an ideology, just like socialism and conservatism.

It is not a race, so it should not work when extremists try to play the race card to get their own way.

But the most important issue here is public safety; terrorists have hidden behind the burka before and if it's not banned they could do this again. Wearing a cross, a hood or religious headgear is not the same as covering up your face.

Enough is enough – all political parties need to listen to Nigel Farage!

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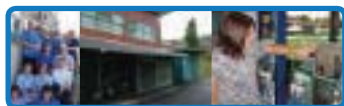


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Mead saw off tough competition from 19 other hopefuls to win the title role in Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in 2007 and he played the character to packed houses until early last year.

His debut solo album, Nothing Else Matters, sold almost 200,000 copies and he recently released his second album. But now he returns to the stage to take on the lead role in the witty Oscar Wilde comedy Lord Arthur Savile's Crime which sees him dealing with very different predictions of the future.

Lord Arthur Savile enjoys a privileged position in life and could hardly be happier – he is considered a pillar of Victorian society and is looking forward to getting married. With the lovely Sybil Merton promised as his bride, the future looks bright for the wealthy young man.

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Haunted by the prophecy and desperate to protect his bride-to-be, Lord Arthur decides to carry out the deed before he marries. So begins a hunt for the perfect victim, but murder turns out to be more difficult than he had anticipated.

Mead is joined on stage by popular entertainer Gary Wilmot, who has recently appeared in a national tour of Chicago and starred in West End productions of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Copacabana and Me & My Girl.

Dynasty star Kate O'Mara brings a touch of glamour to the cast, having also starred in television shows such as Howard's Way and Bad Girls.

David Ross has appeared in comedies such as The Green Green Grass, Red Dwarf and Goodnight Sweetheart, while Darren Nesbitt is best known for his roles in TV drama Special Branch and the classic film Where Eagles Dare.

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Friday, January 29
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He uses his humour to launch a hilarious attack on racism in a show that earned rave reviews at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Well known for pushing the boundaries of intelligent comedy without being afraid to attract controversy, Herring has become a respected performer and



writer. He rose to fame with comedy partner Stewart Lee in the 90s and went on to become a recognisable figure on stage, television and radio.

His many credits include acting as script editor for the

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Higgs has also appeared on Psychic Private Eyes, The Three Mediums and Colin Fry Live! Her first book, Living With the Gift, has sold more than 250,000 copies to date.

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Following the death of her new-found grandfather, Jones wrote the songs that would form My Remembrance Of You, her acclaimed debut album. This was followed by the well-received second album, Better Times Will Come.

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The tale by John Ajvide Lindqvist is joined by Philip K Dick's A Scanner Darkly and The Dumas Club by Arturo Perez-Reverte.

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Folk scene starts fightback against neo-Nazi infiltrators

BY DOMINIC GREENWOOD

A GIG aimed at keeping fascism out of folk music – and showcasing some of the best young folk talent in the UK – takes place in Maidstone next month.

Wheeler Street, Los Salvadores and the Didi Bergman Trio will perform at Flaming Henry's under the Folk Against Fascism banner.

Organiser Helen Treacy said: "The BNP is trying to distance itself from its past – the association with neo-Nazi bands like Skrewdriver – and position themselves as the defenders of British traditions.

"The party manifesto encourages members to infiltrate their local folk scene through funding and reviving local traditions. They have also been selling the work of respected musicians through their website, with the implication the artists support their views.

"The folk scene has reacted with revulsion as we are a welcoming, friendly and inclusive lot, and our politics couldn't be further away from the BNP's racism, neo-Nazism and thuggery.

"We want to make it absolutely clear that we do not support their policies and we resist their attempts to take over our culture."

The line-up includes some of the country's most hotly-tipped new folk bands.

Headline act Wheeler Street [www.myspace.com/wheelerstreet], named after the road in their home town of Maidstone, have proved themselves a major draw on the national folk circuit and boast appearances at Glastonbury and Cambridge



CALLING THE TUNE: Three acts will perform at the Folk Against Fascism concert in Maidstone next month

Folk Festival. The seven-piece play a variety of traditional instruments and throw electric guitar and drums into the mix, giving their music a contemporary feel. Los Salvadores [www.myspace.com/lossalvadores], appearing as a three-piece for this gig, have also established themselves on the national festival scene, writing catchy, energetic songs inspired by Kent folk legends.

Helen said: "Wheeler Street are a brilliant, young, lively folk band who represent everything that is exciting about the current scene.

"I have seen them live many times now and know they will put on a great show.

"I asked Los Salvadores to play because I have been a fan of their brand of energetic folk since I saw them busking in the garden of my local pub one Saturday afternoon. They are very politically aware so were happy to support the cause."

Opening the night will be popular Medway singer-songwriter Didi Bergman [www.myspace.com/didibergman].

Helen said: "Didi is a wonderful singer from Medway who went down a storm at the Sweeps Festival in Rochester – her voice reminds me of the late Sandy Denny.

"She was also keen to perform and make a stand against what the BNP are trying to do.

"The acts have generously offered to play for reduced fees, so after covering expenses I'm hoping to make a sizeable donation to Folk Against Fascism's running costs.

"We will also keep a little aside to go towards future gigs. We have a long wish list of artists we'd like to book and are hoping FAF gigs will become a regular feature of the Maidstone folk scene."

The Folk Against Fascism fundraiser is on Thursday, February 4, at Flaming Henry's banquet hall (above the restaurant), 62 to 63 High Street, Maidstone.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £10 from wegotickets.com, or £12 on the door. There will be a 25 per cent meal discount for ticket holders. For more details, visit the website www.folkagainstfascism.com.

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- 2 Gristlebridge – Unbreakable (from Whitstable)
- 3 Shelta – Beautiful Girl (from Bexley)
- 4 The Flack – Forget Me (from Deal)
- 5 The Keytones – Autumn Time (from Canterbury)

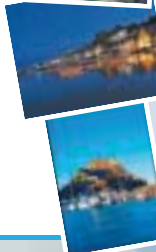
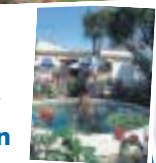
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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

BELLAMY'S PEOPLE BBC Two, 10pm, Thursday

IT'S rarely that I look forward to a TV show as much as Bellamy's People, the new slice of comedy on BBC Two.

Put together largely by the team that made the Fast Show, with a few others such as Amelia Bullmore added to the mix for good measure, this looked like a cracker from the moment I saw the trailer.

More of a spoof of those 'celebrities meet normal people' series than a sketch show, we meet an array of characters in each episode, each with their own strange stories to tell.

Host Gary Bellamy (Rhys Thomas) takes us up and down the country to meet the real inhabitants of our British Isles.

Bellamy himself is a kind of Alan Partridge-lite character, eager to connect with everyman Britain – especially if there's some good footage that showcases his people skills in it for him.

He is out and about, meeting the eccentrics who phone in to his radio show, but he's really little more than the foil and straight man for those with whom he converses.

We meet the 28-stone, bed-ridden man-mountain Graham Downes (Paul Whitehouse), who is eager to finish off any uneaten bowls of Sugar Puffs left by his mother, and the politically opposed and upper-class Coombes sisters – but there are dozens more.

Of course, all these characters are exaggerations, but this serial gets far closer to telling us about those who walk our streets and live behind the country's net-curtains than EastEnders ever will.

Outright jokes are thin on the



OUT THERE: The Fast Show team has come up with another BBC classic, Bellamy's People

ground, but this is a triumph of observation and I dare say you will spot characteristics of people from your own life in the myriad of personas we will meet over the course of the next seven weeks.

Bellamy's People they may be, but these are people you know, with whom you work and socialise, and that is a scary thought.

Be careful out there.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
DEVOTING time to a creative project gives you a profound sense of contentment. Lately, you've been expending too much energy on other people's needs. Don't be surprised if someone offers to pay you for your work. An admirer may ask you to teach a class.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
SOMEONE from a foreign country finds you irresistible. It's flattering to get so much attention, but take care this flirtation doesn't threaten a serious relationship. If you're single, feel free to embark on a new romance. Your amour will introduce you to all sorts of new things.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
YOU'VE always had a weakness for beautiful clothes. This week, you have the opportunity to add something snazzy to your wardrobe for next to nothing. Even if you do end up spending more than you initially planned, don't worry. Your image will open previously-closed doors.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
TAKING a short pleasure trip will put the twinkle back into your eye. Recently, you've been slaving away on a work project, trying to add more money to your bank account. Now this particular project is finishing up, you have a wonderful chance to get away.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
WHO you know is more important than what you know this week. Whether you're on the lookout for love, employment or fun, reach out to your friends. An earthy woman might have just the opportunity you desire. Let her set you up on a date or job interview.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
YOUR sex appeal is at an all-time high. Finding love is as simple as crooking your finger in an admirer's direction. The two of you have a powerful physical connection and will spend many enjoyable hours locked in each other's arms. You're sure to turn heads at a glittering party.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
BE SURE to buy yourself a lottery or raffle ticket this week, as your propensity for winning is very strong. If you've developed a strong attraction for a newcomer to your social circle why don't you be brave and ask them for a date? The two of you will hit it off instantly.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
SPENDING more time on the people and activities you enjoy will be a blessed relief. Recently you've been devoting a lot of attention to some very unrewarding group projects, but this will be going out of your life. The opportunity to move to a new neighbourhood could fall arise.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
YOUR charm and wit goes over well in the work arena. A hidden benefactor could sing your praises to a powerful executive. You helped them when they were just starting out and now they are in an ideal position to return the favour. It just goes to show it pays to be nice.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
A CLOSE relationship gives you the courage to try something new. Normally, a traditionalist like you has difficulty venturing into unfamiliar territory. Now, with the help of a business contact, best friend or romantic partner, you have the confidence to embark on an adventure.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
RESPONSIBILITIES which have been weighing on your mind are starting to fade, leaving you more free time to spend with your family. Making improvements to your home gives your spirits a lift. If you can't afford new furnishings, you can check out ways to spruce up old ones.

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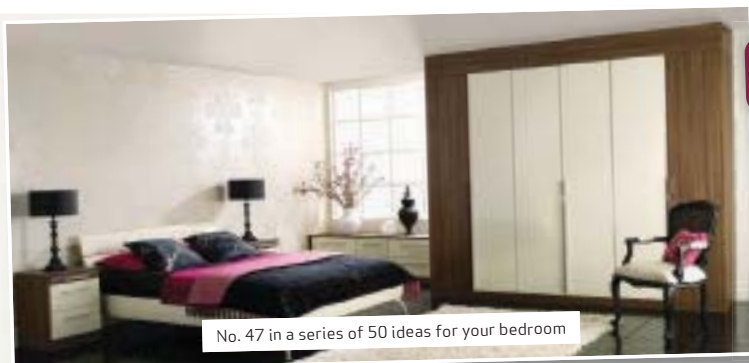


CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
PAYING careful attention to your appearance will yield rewards. You're not particularly vain, but you do like to look your best. Take careful note of which colours and styles look best on you. This will help narrow down your choices. It will also help you make your money start working for you.

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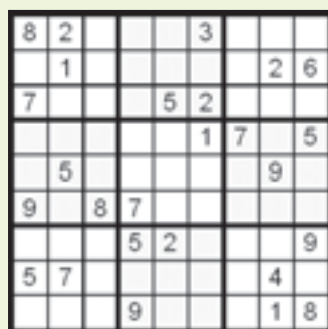
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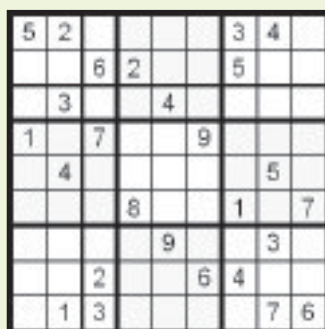
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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Carriage squashed a homburg (8)
6 Nearly half the month in charge with this tank (6)
9 Instrument not in drink (6)
10 Honest existence directly comparable to reality (4-4)
11 How pianist repeatedly was cautious and gentle (6-6)
13 Minor actor's bonus (5)
14 River crossing Irish county (9)
17 Boffin, potentially nicest one, by the way (9)
19 Political group festivity (5)
21 Varnish from two countries (6,6)
24 50 suffering lose strength (8)
25 How one's eyes lacked shininess when fitted with glass (6)
26 Behold the boil (6)
27 Moving free, not, say, from this (4-4)

DOWN

- 2 Some pressure Lydia exerted on trust (4)
3 Lack of self-restraint of a French substitute (9)
4 Aptly describe ring included by fifth amazingly (3,3)
5 Girl from Matthew and topless Hilda (7)
6 Edward, after game, was steamrollered (8)
7 Spicy dish consumed by pupil afterwards (5)
8 Pass through antler if it moves (10)
12 Provoke troublesome bearcat in river (10)
15 With camera accessory returned to scene of the past (9)
16 Out of sorts titmice harbouring first parasite (4-4)
18 Mother's turn to stifle (7)
20 Dance, injuring leg, in irregular shaking motion (6)
22 Nearly time, time after sunset (5)
23 The lady's love for brave man (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 ABC (8)
6 Wine-vessel (6)
9 Match statistician (6)
10 Act out part (4-4)
11 Yield (7,5)
13 Cinema film (5)
14 Of the Eastern Roman Empire (9)
17 Detailed route (9)
19 Veracity (5)
21 Straight off (4,4,4)
24 Easily bent (8)
25 Stone table (6)
26 Newsgroups worldwide (6)
27 Very high (8)

DOWN

- 2 Scottish lake (4)
3 Capital of Crete (9)
4 Three-masted vessel (6)
5 Underjailer (7)
6 Blind alley (3-2-3)
7 City in North Yorkshire (5)
8 Religious brotherhood (10)
12 Iron grating (10)
15 Strangler (9)
16 Flying-fox (5-3)
18 Vote for again (2-5)
20 Do wash (anag.) (6)
22 One from SW USA (5)
23 Thin (4)



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Dream of home owning may never come true

AN independent housing body has advised that future homebuyers could face average house prices that are 10 times their salary.

Buying a home could become unattainable unless the number of homes being built increases.

A study from new National Housing and Planning Advice Unit said a fifth of non-homeowners think it will take them at least five years before they're able to buy and more than a third believe they will never get onto the property ladder.

The NHPAU was set up by the Government to provide independent advice on improving housing market affordability. Government statistics illustrate that in the year 2000, the average cost of a home was four times the annual salary.

However, by 2006, house price increases meant that homebuyers were looking at seven times their salary.

The demand for housing is on the increase and something must be done or the pressure on the market will only deteriorate. On a further study of 2,700 UK adults, NHPAU discovered the majority states the government need to take action to make housing more affordable.

The mortgage lending market still 'restrained'

THE Council of Mortgage Lenders has revealed that the number of home loans approved for house purchase fell four per cent in November compared with the previous month.

According to the CML, there were 53,000 mortgages granted to buyers, a fall on October but this was due to a "seasonal dip".

However, the CML did highlight that the figures were still 66 per cent higher than in November 2008.

Remortgaging activity continued to remain at low levels, as a result of the low interest rate environment, said the CML.

The Council added that first-time buyers were still having to put down a hefty deposit of 25 per cent but with interest rates still remaining at the historic low of 0.5 per cent, mortgage interest payments are so affordable for homemovers and first-time buyers.

However, the CML's director general Michael Coogan said: "With substantial deposits still needed to secure a mortgage, the market will continue to be relatively restrained for some time to come."



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THEY'RE IN THE MONEY: Overall in 2009 landlords were £12,700 in the black, almost reversing £15,000 losses in 2008 and 2010 is set to see higher returns than 2009

Landlords look forward to profitable returns

■ BY NICK AMES

THE buy-to-let property market in the UK is looking forward to a promising 2010 after strong returns combined with low arrears made 2009 much better than expected.

Overall in 2009 landlords were £12,700 in the black, almost reversing £15,000 losses in 2008 and 2010 is set to see higher returns than 2009, according to the latest Buy to Let Index from LSL Property Services, the UK's largest residential letting agents.

It also shows that although increases in property values and a recent slight drop in rents caused dip in yields, tenant arrears performed strongly in 2009, contrary to expectations, and landlords enjoyed a 7.6 per cent annual return on their investments by the end

of December 2009.

The value of their properties rose three per cent in the year while rental income after void periods added a further 4.6 per cent. This means that in 2009 a typical landlord made a return of £12,740. This was a combination of modest capital gains of £4,831 on each property and £7,909 in rental income.

By contrast, in 2008, a typical landlord would have lost 8.8 per cent even after allowing for rental income. They lost £23,000 in capital as the property fell in value, and earned £7,900 in rent for the full year, leading to a total loss of £15,100.

"Despite the worst recession in living memo-

ry, and despite house prices continuing to fall for the first few months of 2009, investment returns in buy-to-let were very respectable.

"The £12,700 the average landlord made on a rented property during the year recouped most of the losses in the housing crash of 2008. Brave landlords who added to their portfolios will be celebrating an excellent year," said David Brown, commercial director of LSL Property Services.

Rents ended 2009 0.2 per cent higher than the previous year.

"Landlords must not lose sight of rental income when house prices move up, however. Rents should form the foundation of buy-to-let investment and are key to financing mortgage borrowings. Allowing yields to drop too low is inadvisable," added Mr Brown.

RICS predicts further house price rises at beginning of 2010

THE Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) has reported that house price growth slowed in December.

Almost one third of surveyors reported price gains than falls during the month. However, the positive balance was lower than in the previous two months.

RICS did point out that a shortage of properties on the market is continuing to drive up house prices and it is predicting further gains in the early part of this year

but this will be followed by modest falls in the latter half of the year, resulting in a small overall rise of one to two per cent.

Many other experts are predicting house prices will be flat over the course of the next 12 months as a result of the current economic uncertainty.

RICS spokesman Jeremy Leaf said: "The recent loss of momentum in prices and the moderation in new buyer interest can be in part attributed to the housing

market pulling down its shutters for Christmas.

"It is likely the new year will see more interest and activity in the market as those who held back start to market their property with renewed optimism," added Mr Leaf.

Many analysts were surprised by the strength in house prices last year. RICS said house prices rose for the seventh consecutive month in December.

This corresponded with many

other house price indices with the Halifax reporting that prices were 1.1 per cent higher in December compared with a year ago – the first annual rise since March 2008.

Meanwhile, RICS said seven out of 12 regions showed price increases in the past three months, while the remainder experienced falls. The biggest gains were experienced in London and the southeast of England.

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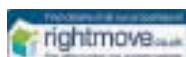
- One bedroom flat
- Private rear garden
- Close to the town centre



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- 2 bedroom terraced
- Good sized rear garden
- Modern fitted bathroom suite



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- 3 Bedroom House



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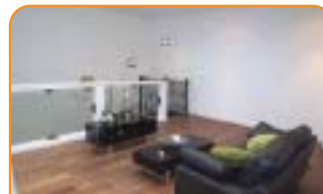
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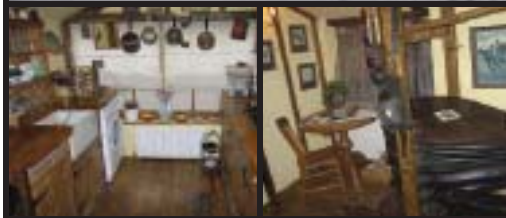
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Eastry £199,950

Deceptively spacious four bedroom semi like a 'showroom' inside, lounge, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast, two bathrooms, utility room, 47' x 30' rear garden, off road parking for two cars, double glazing and gas central heating.



Wingham £375,000

Deceptively spacious four bedroom semi like a 'showroom' inside, lounge, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast, two bathrooms, utility room, 47' x 30' rear garden, off road parking for two cars, double glazing and gas central heating.



Nonington £369,000

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Sandwich £149,950

First floor apartment in the conservation area of Sandwich. Spacious hallway/dining area, living room, kitchen/breakfast room, bedroom, second room with en-suite shower used as study or occasional bedroom, bathroom, communal garden. This property is tenanted for six months - No Chain.



Sandwich £215,000

Two bedroom property situated within a private mews style development, central Sandwich location. Fitted kitchen, living/dining room, gfl WC, 2 beds and bathroom to the first floor and study/guest room with en-suite. Courtyard garden, garage, no chain.



Walmer £169,950

Well presented cottage in the Conservation Area of Walmer. Two double beds, living/dining room, spacious kitchen, GFL WC, walled courtyard garden, DG, GFCH. No Chain, NHBC Certificate.



Eastry £235,000

2 bedroom detached bungalow in popular village location, recently fitted kitchen, living room, conservatory, front and rear gardens, ORP, Garage and GFCH.



Eastry £175,000

3 bedroom semi detached house in cul de sac location, 2 reception rooms, 1st floor family bathroom, GFCH, DG, ORP and Garage, front and rear gardens.



Eastry £159,950

Extended three/four bedrooms, cul-de-sac location, village of Eastry, good size rear garden, double-glazing, living room, kitchen. No Onward Chain!



Nonington £249,950

Well-presented detached spacious three/four bedroom bungalow, sought after village location, fitted contemporary style kitchen, living room, dining room, shower room and bathroom; driveway/garage, double-glazing & gas fired central heating.



Sandwich £320,000

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Eastry £139,950

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MATCH OF THE DAY! Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5'12, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494

NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT... Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5'11, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

LOOKIN 4 A GUY WHO'S EASY ON THE EYE! 25yr old female, 5'18, medium-curved body, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, WLTW tall, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 442644

FANCY A CUDDLE? Loving single mum, 29, shoulder length black hair, brown eyes, 5'13, slim and sexy, part-time carer, looking for reliable, loving male. Canterbury. Box 464326

SOUND GOOD? Social lady, 29, likes walks, swimming, gosh, like to meet a man, 30-55 for lots of fun. Brighton. Box 463984

IS ANYONE OUT THERE? 31yr old easygoing, independent female, WLTW cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879391

COULD I BE THE ONE? Single mum, 33, divorced, looking to meet a male who enjoys walks, going out, time in and out and much more. Maidstone. Box 464835

A FAIRYTALE ENDING! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5'18, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957

HORSES FOR COURSES... Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship, Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5'13, shoulder length curly hair, enjoys eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079

STARRY NIGHTS Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoys swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378

GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164

SEIZE THE DAY Loving female, 36, 5'14, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5'14, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

HISTORIC MEETING? Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897963

FAMILY ORIENTATED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5'18, slim/medium build. I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034

AN AFRICAN DIAMOND 38yr old African girl, likes cooking, going out, watching films and dancing, seeking a loving and caring boy for companionship and more. Box 446676

DON'T LET ME DOWN Pretty, black female, 38, 5'14, like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446684



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EASY TO LOVE Lovely African female, 39, 5'14, likes football, socialising, cinema, and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male for a LTR. Ashford. Box 460988

FROM ME TO YOU Lovely and bored single professional asian lady, 40, seeks genuine single solvent professional white male, 40-50, for companionship and more. Tunbridge Wells. Box 464925

SHOW ME HEAVEN Black lady, 38yr old, enjoys swimming, films and bird watching. Fairly new to the area, WLTW a male for friendship and maybe romance. Box 441608

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE Lovely, glossy brunette, 35yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTW a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

TAKE A LITTLE TIME Social lady, 41, 5'3", gosh, likes family life, going out, cinema, walks, staying in, seeking a fun male for company. Sheerness. Box 461145

FOR A RELATIONSHIP? Shy but confident-one known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

TLC ON OFFER Bubbly, happy, outgoing 41yr old female, enjoy life to the full, like writing, walking, watching DVDs, WLTW like-minded, happy-go-lucky, clean male for friendship and more. Box 459271

LOVE IS ALL AROUND Happy-go-lucky, bubbly Blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley. Box 454517

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5'10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc, looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gosh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5'19, dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5'19+. Box 461129

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU Audrey here, I live in Seaford, and WLTW caring man. I'm fun loving, loyal, honest, adventurous, and love animals, cooking, music, film, countryside. Box 872159

STAY TRUE Attractive, curvy, single mum, size 18, 44, kind, genuine, 5'5", loyal, loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 461830

SWEET AS HONEY Petite, slim, honey-blond lady, 5'4" age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing, looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128

AIMING HIGH 6ft blonde aerobics instructor, female, 43, seeking decent, tall, fit male for companionship, hopefully leading to a relationship in my spare time (mainly afternoons). Box 446017

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS Loud-back single mum, very bubbly, outgoing and intelligent, 43, enjoys social life, drinks, meals, cinema, looking to start afresh with someone new, easygoing and life-loving. Box 446102

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5'14, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5'17, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

TAKE IT EASY Maidstone female, 47, looking for someone just for initial company and friendship. Many interests including gardening, cooking and shopping. Box 464973

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, Worldly Man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTW male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585

MY PRINCE? Dog lover, into sports, walks, motorbikes, GSOH, female, 47, pretty, long dark hair, looking for knight in shining armour! East Sussex area. Box 872961

NORMAL GAL Female, 48, divorced, happy, looking for the one, friendship, laughter, looking for smart, genuine, kind tall honest man, age under 50 is all I ask. Maidstone. Box 866380

ETERNALLY YOURS Easygoing woman, likes most things in life; country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5'12, medium build, WLTW genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635

ANY TAKERS? Divorced single mum, 49, 5'14, animal lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe a LTR. Ashford. Box 464557

STIMULATING COMPANY Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTW nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460886

HERE AND NOW Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

JUST IMAGINE Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

THE RIGHT FIT Big lady (51), looking for decent, genuine man. I'm attractive, and very loving so go on, give me a try! I like cooking and family life. Box 862888

CARING & PROFESSIONAL Female 49, 5'14, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 417100

LOVELY BUBBLY Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gosh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

IT COULD BE US Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5'13, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent. Box 464601

WOULD LIKE TO BE HAPPY Looking for someone who enjoys the simple things in life; wind and rain in my face, 53, red hair, warm holidays love mowing the lawn. Box 860558

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL... Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 882410

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPFULLY MORE Curly & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5'17, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTW similar loving male. Box 443642

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?! Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! Smart petite lady, 56, 5'14, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

MAKE A NEW FRIEND Fun-loving lady, 58, 5'14, dark hair, single mum! Likes countryside walks, reading, cooking and cosy nights in, seeks similar male. Folkestone. Box 460420

NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED Young-looking 60yr old lady from Gillingham, looking for a male for company and good times, loves animals and dining out. Box 463495

LOTS OF HUGS Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5'14, red hair/green eyes, slim build. Hythe, enjoys art and walks, seeking similar, intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002

PISCES OR CAPRICORN? Star-struck lady, 59, 5'13, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes swimming, holidays, the sea; WLTW tall man with good heart for love. Box 448420

MUSIC TO MY EARS Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'3", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914

WALKS ALONG THE COAST Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

BE YOURSELF Outgoing lady, active, 60, tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals, and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate. Box 865760

BRIGHTENING UP Cuddly lady, 61, 5'15, blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more, WLTW tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 870214

ONLY LOVE Classy, intelligent, happy, slim, attractive, fit and active lady, 60, gosh, enjoys travel, gardening etc, looking for that special friend to share life with. Box 883791

SIMPLE PLEASURES Hi there, I'm a 61yr old lady, blonde hair/green eyes, medium build, loves dancing, walking by the sea and WLTW like minded gent. Box 459467

THE TIME OF MY LIFE Young lady, 60, retired with various hobbies, including crafting and crosswords, seeking a kind caring gentleman to enjoy life with. Sheerness. Box 859508

LOVE ME DO Loving and caring lady, 63, 5'13, brown hair/eyes, likes most things in life, looking for a caring and considerate male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Margate. Box 460082

FIGHTING FIT? Very young 64 year old lady, loves socialising, walks, music, dogs; seeks intelligent, unpretentious ex-forces/freeman lady for committed relationship. Les please leave contact number. Box 462717

LET'S FALL IN LOVE Lovely female, 65, 5'12, enjoys walking, bird-watching, cinema, theatre and red wine, seeking a male companion to share life with. Box 444763

Women seeking women TRUE ROMANCE Fun loving lady, honest, sincere and trust-worthy, 41yrs old and looking for fun, maybe romance with an honest, sincere woman, likes nights in/out etc. Whitstable. Box 464494

LET'S FIND OUT! Hi, I'm a fun-loving, kind, passionate lady, 44, 5'15, with a wicked sense of humour, looking for friendship and what ever evolves from there. Kent. Box 877446

GIRL TO GIRL Looking for a female to have some fun with. I'm a 47yr old woman, brown hair/eyes, medium build, GSOH and I'm friendly. Margate area. Box 859781



MEN seeking women

SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY 28yr old guy, 6ft, dark hair, multi-coloured eyes, random sh, likes music, spending time with friends, sport, seeking a quirky girl to share life with. Tonbridge. Box 458600

LOVE-ONE? Kent-based male, 25, blonde, into clubbing, going out, tennis, football, seeks female, 20s, for friendship and more. Box 127012

MY GIRL Fit 30yr old guy, 6'12, blonde hair, blue eyes, looking for a good-looking, bubbly and intelligent girl to share nights out and more. Sheerness. Box 464763

BOTTLE OF WINE Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5'18, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

RECIPE FOR ROMANCE Seeking lovely black lady to share interests with. I'm male, 36, and enjoy movies, cooking and dining out. Maidstone area. Box 462890

OUTDOOR TYPE Adventurous, very outgoing, romantic male, 35, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'7", looking for a feminine lady for fun times, friendship, maybe LTR. Box 430623

HOP ON! HI I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles, WLTW a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124

INTERESTED? Genuine male, 39, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'8", medium build, likes cooking, dining out, quiet holidays, seeking a lovely lady for good company. Ramsgate. Box 463493

TO EACH THEIR OWN Romantic male, 40, 6ft, slim build, gosh, 32 waist, brown hair/eyes, enjoys football, pool, DIY, socialising with friends, cinema, seeks female, 36-45, gosh, romantic. Sheerness. Box 462768

BURSTING WITH LOVE Shy 39 year old man, caring with big heart, looking for that someone to share my life with, into sport, films and having fun. Margate. Box 859647

IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS Loving and caring male, 40, 5'18, medium build, average looks, seeks outgoing, loving, caring person to find love with. Canterbury. Box 459290

NEW TOWN Good-looking male, 39, fair hair, blue eyes, nice build and height, social, likes holidays, dining out, fit, seeking a woman to go out with. Rochester. Box 460825

MAKE YOUR MARK Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5'18, brown hair and eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, WLTW someone to be trustworthy and caring. Box 448372

TO ENJOY LIFE! Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5'18, brown hair and eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, WLTW someone trustworthy and caring to settle down with. Box 448377

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Margate. Box 443750

HOW ABOUT TODAY? Looking for love and relationship with nice, genuine woman. I'm male, 42, 5'18, brown hair/blue eyes, enjoys cycling, films, eating in and out. Kent. Box 463958

NEW BOY IN TOWN I'm a single guy, 5'18 with bright blue eyes, brown hair, average build, WLTW nice woman to get to know better for a possible LTR. Box 452496

LET'S BUILD A ROMANCE Hello, I'm Simon 43, single man in Kent own a construction co. Muscular build, blue-eyed, ruggedly handsome. Looking for a honest and genuine lady. Box 453322

FALL FOR ME Single male, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'6", 44, easy going, loving, likes cooking, holidays, music, countryside, cinema, seeking lady 34-57 for a loving relationship. Ashford. Box 464746

IN LOVE Single 50s male looking for lady for loving friendship. I'm honest, sincere, genuine and love a laugh, hoping for lasting romance. Box 451188

2 SEATS PLEASE Richard here, I'm 45, very loving, and I like holidays, listening to music, theatre, cooking, cinema, museums and restaurants. You? Box 859273

FANCY A FILM? Nice down-to-earth gent, 45, 5'10, short hair, slim, likes swimming, reading, DVDs, chats, walks, anything really! Seeks likewise lady who likes a good chat. Chatham. Box 459876

BE MY BABY Young looking 47 year old, brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys sports, travel and cinema, eating out, restaurants; seeks affectionate, loyal, honest lady. West Malling. Box 464927

TALL DARK AND HANDSOME Separated male, tall dark and reasonably good looking, enjoys most things in life and am quite laid back and confident. Kent. Box 859221

CHEMICAL REACTION Good humoured male, 48, 5'16, slim, short dark hair, divorced, OHCAC, enjoys walking my dog, outdoor life, seeks likewise girl for LTR if chemistry is right...Maidstone. Box 464817

GET BACK TO ME Good looking divorced man, 48, 6ft, likes keeping in shape, loves music and gigs; seeking slim lady, 30-40, relaxed, laid-back, for hopeful good relationship. Hythe. Box 460338

49 BUT LOOKS LIKE 30! Young looking 49yr old male, clean and tidy, romantic, fun and honest, like kisses and cuddles, meals out and country pubs, seeking similar female. Box 888878

SENSE OF HUMOUR A MUST Very young looking male, 52, slim, brown hair and eyes, 5'7, looking for a nice young lady over 30 for romance and good times together. Box 860805

YOURS TRULY Caring guy, 50, Maidstone based, looking for someone that little bit special to socialise with and enjoy the good things in life. Box 860490

FIT LADY WANTED Canterbury area. I'm male, 54, 5'18, fit and active, attractive. I'm outgoing with a GSOH and enjoy meals out, nights in, animals, female company! Box 464416

THAT VERY SPECIAL SOMEONE Very nervous male, 55, 5'10, medium build, brown eyes/hair, just looking for a friend first and see where it goes from there. Robertsbridge. Box 461660

PLEASED TO MEET YOU Country man, 55, 5'18, loves animals, full of fun, likes antiques, theatre and pubs, looking for a happy-go-lucky, slim and active lady. Canterbury. Box 458812

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MOTORS NEWS



Alfa's sporty economy

SPORTING credentials should not bar you from being environmentally-aware – that's the message from Italy's Alfa Romeo.

And it follows the launch of new 'MultiAir' engines (from £15,165) now offered in the popular MiTo supermini line-up, including a 170bhp 1.4 MultiAir Cloverleaf performance flagship (£17,895) that can sprint from 0-62mph in 7.5 seconds yet average at least 45mpg while generating much lower CO2 emissions.

All MultiAir models come with 'Start and Stop' technology too, which cuts and then automatically re-starts the engine at the traffic lights.



Merc estate showing its 'crammability' class

ONE of the classic quality load-luggers is now available in new generation guise – the Mercedes-Benz E-Class Estate (from £29,785).

It can also be bought with an engine generating as little as 150g/km of CO2 from its exhaust pipe and capable of averaging nearly 50mpg.

'Crammability' is as good as ever with self-levelling rear suspension as standard and a load space claimed to be best in class. Rear seats can be folded down using just one finger says M-B.



Octavia's new options

SKODA'S popular Octavia model has gained two attractions – an ultra-frugal/low-emission 1.2-litre turbo petrol engine and an economical diesel with DSG gearbox.

The former (from £12,935) underlines a trend towards leaner and cleaner small capacity petrol units, while the latter brings the ultra-flexible double-clutch auto (and manual) DSG to the Octavia's 1.6-litre diesel unit.

The VW-owned Czech marque offers the DSG on the small petrol engine too for extra flexibility and all of these new options can be bought in either Octavia hatch or estate form.



SHOOTING FOR THE TOP: Audi's latest A4 is a truly fine car, longer than previous versions with the biggest boot in its class and comes with front wheel and all-wheel drive

Audi continues drive to the top with its new A4

SALES volumes show Audi still hasn't quite overtaken BMW as the UK's upmarket sector champ.

That VW's snob brand is nicely tucked in on the leader's shoulder though is due largely to the A4, a model defying the mantra that driver-focused cars in this executive sector must be rear-wheel drive, as with the BMW 3-Series, Mercedes-Benz C-Class and Lexus IS.

In response, Audi has made its front-driven contender as good as it can be and also offered it with the all-wheel drive Quattro system for drivers who demand the full handling experience... or the chance to talk about it.

The latest A4 arrived in 2008, putting right a perennial complaint about cabin space, particularly in the back.

It also has the biggest boot in its class.

But the A4 is now a big car and, at 4.72 metres-long by 2.01 wide, it underlines a growth trend, highlighted here by noting that Audi's 1997-2004 A6 – from the market sector above – was 4.79 by 1.99 metres.

The latest A4 is a truly fine car though, so capable in all areas that it is virtually ano-

ROAD TEST AUDI A4

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

dyne. Whatever the mood, the A4 is so in tune that it slips into the background.

Our road test car was the best-selling A4 2.0 TDI, almost as much of a darling to company car user choosers as the ubiquitous BMW 320d.

In the lower output 120PS (118bhp) SE form as tested (£23,720), it is probably a tad underpowered for the scale of the A4 – there are 143 and 170PS versions – but the ability to average nearly 60mpg is not to be sneered at.

It benefits from a tidy six-speed gearshift, crisp steering and excellent grip and composure in the corners; ride quality is considerably better than the previous car, no doubt helped by the bigger stretch between front and back wheels.

The cabin has the material and ergonomic layout design quality that has made Audi the benchmark brand in its sector.

Needless to say, space and comfort for all is impressive too, although the middle rear seat passenger has to plant his/her feet awkwardly either side of the centre hump.

This accomplished all-rounder may be a hard car to love outright, but it's hard to fault too.



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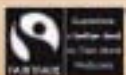
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Picture NICK DUNGAN



WIN: Hythe celebrate Craig Thompson's goal

Thompson nets on debut to earn Town points

TWO goals in a minute sent Hythe on their way to a much-needed win at Culverden Stadium and saw Scott Porter's side climb above Tunbridge Wells.

The win is also a timely boost ahead of tonight's Premier Division Cup quarter-final second leg at Herne Bay, with Town needing to overturn a two-goal deficit in order to progress.

It was Wells who made the brighter start on Saturday, though, with Carl Cornell's shot blocked by Keiron Mann before Mike Lord fired a shot over the Hythe crossbar.

Tom Davey was then inches from putting the hosts 1-0 ahead when his free-kick dipped just

FOOTBALL

Tunbridge Wells 0 Hythe Town 3

wide of Mann's left-hand post.

Dave Cook then volleyed Gary Clarke's cross wide of the post as the visitors began to assert themselves but they must have feared the worst when Cook fouled Cornell and the referee awarded Wells a penalty two minutes before half-time.

Lord's spot-kick was well struck but Mann was equal to it, producing a fantastic flying

save to keep the scores level at the interval.

Nine minutes into the second-half, Hythe were ahead when Kieran Byrne's perfect cross was flicked home by Craig Thompson, signed on dual registration from neighbours Folkestone Invicta.

A minute later, Davey rose to clear Clarke's free-kick but could only loop his header back over the head of Michal Czanner and into his own net.

Hythe added a third with 15 minutes to go when John Ralph headed home another Clarke set-piece, although the win was soured by the dismissal of Cook for two bookable offences.

FOOTBALL

Picture IGOR KUPCO



LEVELLER: James Everitt scored the first of two late Folkestone goals against Chipstead

Invicta march on with late winning strikes

Folkestone Invicta 2 Chipstead 1

FOLKESTONE stretched their lead at the top of Ryman One South to nine points with this win but they had to rely on two late goals to overcome stubborn Chipstead.

Substitute Peter Williams was the hero as he scored the 86th-minute winner after James Everitt had levelled the scores five minutes earlier.

However, Invicta played second-fiddle for long periods of the game and were behind inside five minutes when Jack Delo dropped Jason Thompson's corner at the feet of Daniel Moody, who could not miss from close range.

Moody, Chipstead's new signing, was a constant threat all afternoon and he went close to doubling the lead when his shot clipped the top of Delo's crossbar.

The leaders came out strongly after the break and Everitt almost forced Jimmy Jackson's cross over the line before another Jackson dead-ball caused mayhem in the Chipstead six-yard box.

On came Williams and Jimmy Dryden as Invicta switched to a 4-3-3 formation, and the changes bore fruit as the hosts struck twice to take advantage of Worthing's 1-1 draw with Dulwich Hamlet.

Manager Neil Cugley said: "I was pleased we showed the character to come back, we kept playing the right sort of football and we didn't panic. Pete took his goal ever so well - he's got three or four goals for us now and a couple of them have been winners."

Invicta may yet be deducted points by the Isthmian League as the club looks set to enter a brief period of administration, with shareholders meeting next month to formally agree a voluntary settlement over the club's outstanding debts.

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THIS week we launched a bid to right a wrong - and get Dame Kelly Holmes the gold medal she still craves.

In a campaign we will take to the very top of world athletics, we want drug cheat Regina Jacobs stripped of the gold she won at the World Indoor Athletics Championships in 2003.

She pipped our Kelly into second place - but just weeks later was exposed as a drug cheat; testing positive for steroids.

Now KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper, is launching a bid to win our local heroine the title we feel should now be rightfully hers.

Holmes, who won two gold medals at the Olympic Games in Athens in 2004, was beaten into second place at the indoor 1500m event in Birmingham in March, 2003, by Jacobs.

But Jacobs later failed a drugs test after winning at the US Championships in June.

She was handed a four-year ban, but aged 40 at the time, decided to call time on her career. Jacobs, who has always protested her innocence, was stripped of the national title, but because the World Indoors preceded the failed test, the result in Birmingham still stands.

Review

We now urge the sport's governing body - the International Association of Athletics Federations - to review this decision in light of a recent case in which Great Britain's 1997 4x400m relay team were awarded the World title after finishing second to a US team which included Antonio Pettigrew.

He admitted using banned substances at the time and consequently, the GB team found out this month they will get their gold medals after the four athletes began a campaign in 2008.

Holmes, from Hildenborough, near Tonbridge, admits the defeat to an athlete who was later found to be using performance enhancing drugs, still rankles.

"I think [the medal] should be taken away from that athlete if they have been done for drugs," she said. "If they have been caught in that year of competition, well they actually didn't just get caught doing it right there and then did they? It was before that."

"[Regina Jacobs] was somebody who was banned that season and yet she wasn't stripped of the gold medal she won in March of that year and I think that's wrong."

"If you have been banned, give back the medal from that year. She got caught and banned and there's a logic to say that, okay, she got caught in June it's more than likely she was using it in March as well. So then give back the medals, not so much mine, but they should be given back as a general rule."

Gold should have our Kelly's name on it



Picture GETTY IMAGES

FOOL'S GOLD: Kelly Holmes can barely hide her contempt as she loses the World Indoor 1500m final to Regina Jacobs in Birmingham in 2003 - Jacobs later failed a drugs test

Eyebrows had been raised six weeks prior to the Birmingham meet when Jacobs, then 39, became the first woman to run 1500 metres in under four minutes indoors, breaking a 13-year world record.

For Holmes, the World Indoor title is one accolade missing from her glittering CV.

"For me, the worst thing was that it was in Birmingham and I would have loved to have stood there as World Indoor champion, but instead I was a silver medallist which is a great achievement, but not when you have done it against a druggie at the end of the day," she said.

KOS Media will lobby the IAAF to re-examine the case and is urging readers to send in their letters of support to help the campaign.

Sports editor Glenn Pearson said: "We feel this is something that needs looking into and the record should be set straight. Dame Kelly has strong views against the use of drugs in sport and so do we."

"We urge our readers to get involved with our campaign."

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Whites teach Woking a football lesson - but lose

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Woking 2

Thomas 35, Sam-Yorke 75

Dover Athletic 0



DOVER surrendered second spot in Blue Square South to promotion rivals Woking after failing to take their chances in a 2-0 defeat at Kingfield.

The Whites dominated possession throughout and Cards boss Graham Baker admitted his side had been taught a footballing lesson, but the hosts' defence proved too strong for Dover to penetrate.

Goalkeeper Ross Flitney, having joined from Croydon Athletic, made his Whites debut with the visitors' side otherwise unchanged from the 4-0 win against Havant & Waterlooville.

Shaun Welford led the line well for Dover but he was off-target with a couple of early efforts and Woking had chances of their own to break the deadlock, courtesy of Harry Arter and Moses Ademola.

Frannie Collin went closest to an opener when his free-kick fizzed narrowly wide of Ross Worner's left-hand post before Jon



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

DEFEAT: Dover's Hakeem Adelakun holds off his marker but the Whites were beaten at Woking

Boardman denied Adam Birchall as he bore down on goal.

Woking took the lead against the run of play ten minutes before half-time when Nicky Nicolau whipped in a right-wing corner and Aswad Thomas rose highest to head home at the near post.

The pattern continued after the break, with Dover controlling large spells but unable to break down Woking's powerful central defensive partnership of Boardman and Tom Hutchinson.

Collin's mazy run across the box deserved a better finish as Worner watched the ball fly wide, and Dover's profligacy was punished as

Dover starting XI



Subs used: Browning (Collin 80)

Woking grabbed a second with 15 minutes to play.

Arter's deep cross from the left was headed back across goal by Ademola and substitute Delano Sam-Yorke was on hand to prod home after Flitney had clawed the ball out from under the crossbar.

Dover boss Andy Hessenthaler said: "I'm obviously disappointed to lose but the performance from us was good. To be fair, we dominated the game but were unable to just find that bit of quality in the final third.

"The Woking manager said to me afterwards that we taught his side a footballing lesson. It's nice to hear that, but we're still shaking our heads and wondering how we lost the game.

"Looking back to the last time we played Woking [a 2-0 defeat in October] we have improved a lot. Our fitness levels were just as good and they are a full-time outfit.

"If we can keep playing like we did we will definitely be in this play-off picture come the end of the season."

RUGBY



Picture: LOOKRUPCO

DERBY: Dover and Tunbridge Wells will renew acquaintances on Saturday in promotion race

Sharks ensure it's a two-horse race

Dover 24 Cobham 9

THE battle for automatic promotion from London 1 South is now a two-horse race after Dover recorded a fine win over third-placed Cobham at Crabble.

The Sharks have now opened a five-point gap between themselves and the Surrey side, while leaders Gravesend remain three clear after beating Chobham 23-11.

Dover are still unbeaten at Crabble, although their ill-discipline threatened to cost them Saturday's game with Jon Foster yellow-carded in the second-half.

Jamie Townley got the scoreboard ticking when he intercepted and ran 25 yards to score, with Blair Charge adding the conversion. Back came Cobham, though, and three successful penalties edged the visitors ahead with half-time approaching.

Charge kicked a penalty of his own to put Dover back in front though, and the decisive score went the way of the hosts after 67 minutes. Buster Collins and Martyn Beaumont drove Dover into a good position and the ball was recycled before Mark Beaumont crashed over to score.

Beaumont scored an interception try to add the finishing touch to a superb Dover performance, with head coach Graham Tonks delighted by his side's display.

He said: "This was a massive win for us. My team battled in every area of the game and my forwards were again superb against a hard and well-organised pack.

"We continue to show our strength and maturity - the backs were brilliant in defence and looked dangerous in attack. It was a great team performance but areas still need addressing which could have proved costly for us."

Dover's incredible run now stands at 11 straight wins - a sequence stretching back to the first week in October.

They travel to Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, having already beaten the west Kent side 21-10 at Crabble this season.

LEAGUE TABLES

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Newport County	24	18	5	1	+40	59
2 Woking	25	13	6	6	+10	45
3 Dover Athletic	27	13	5	9	+10	44
4 Chesham Town	26	13	5	8	+4	44
5 Thurrock	25	12	7	6	+9	43
6 Bromley	25	12	5	8	+7	41
7 Braintree Town	22	10	9	3	+9	39
8 Eastleigh	23	11	7	7	+17	38
9 Staines Town	26	9	11	6	+10	38
10 Bath City	24	9	8	7	+8	35
11 Welling United	25	10	5	10	-2	35
12 Basingstoke Town	26	10	5	11	-1	35
13 Bishop's Cleeve	25	9	7	9	+2	34
14 St Albans City	25	9	5	11	-6	32
15 Maidenhead United	24	7	8	9	-2	29
16 Havant & Waterlooville	21	6	9	6	-3	27
17 Dorchester Town	24	6	5	13	-17	23
18 Worcester City	25	6	7	13	-6	22
19 Hampton & Richmond	22	5	6	11	-11	21
20 Lewes	24	4	8	12	-13	20
21 Weston-super-Mare	24	4	4	16	-20	16
22 Weymouth	24	3	5	16	-35	14

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Folkestone Invicta	22	16	5	1	+20	53
2 Worthing	23	14	2	7	+17	44
3 Godalming Town	21	13	3	5	+17	42
4 Croydon Athletic	20	11	6	3	+24	39
5 Fleet Town	22	12	3	7	+14	39
6 Walton & Hersham	23	11	5	7	+6	38
7 Ramsgate	22	9	6	7	+5	33
8 Merstham	24	9	6	9	-4	33
9 Clitham Town	24	10	3	11	-8	33
10 Sittingbourne	19	9	4	6	+10	31
11 Dulwich Hamlet	23	7	10	6	+2	31
12 Burgess Hill Town	21	8	6	7	+2	30
13 Horsham YMCA	24	6	10	8	0	28
14 Leathershead	20	8	3	9	+3	27
15 Whyteleafe	22	8	3	11	-2	27
16 Corinthian-Casuals	22	8	3	11	-6	27
17 Walton Casuals	22	6	5	11	-8	23
18 Metropolitan Police	21	5	7	9	-1	22
19 Chislehead	24	5	6	13	-15	21
20 Whitstable Town	22	6	2	14	-26	20
21 Eastbourne Town	24	3	8	13	-26	17
22 Ashford Town	19	2	6	11	-30	12

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Faversham Town	16	12	2	2	+26	38
2 Herne Bay	13	9	1	3	+13	28
3 Erith & Belvedere	15	9	0	6	+3	27
4 Sevenoaks Town	14	7	3	4	+6	24
5 Beckenham Town	14	7	3	5	+9	23
6 Hythe Town	12	6	4	2	+19	22
7 Tunbridge Wells	17	5	7	5	-1	22
8 Deal Town	14	6	4	4	-2	22
9 Greenhithe Borough	14	6	3	5	0	21
10 Spelling Bengal United	16	5	4	7	-12	19
11 Erith Town	12	5	3	4	+6	18
12 Norton Sports	13	5	1	7	-4	16
13 Holmsdale	14	4	1	9	-6	13
14 Fisher	17	3	3	11	-20	12
15 Corinthian	14	2	3	9	-16	9
16 Lordswood	11	0	3	8	-21	3

FIXTURES

(Wednesday): Kent League Premier Division Cup quarter-final second leg: Herne Bay (2) v (0) Hythe Town. (Saturday): Blue Square South: Dover Athletic v Worcester City; Ryman One South: Folkestone Invicta v Merstham; Kent League Premier Division: Corinthian v Hythe Town; Kent Senior Trophy quarter-final: Deal Town v Sevenoaks Town



Picture: LOOKRUPCO

DENIED: There was no way through for Folkestone against Charlton Park as they recorded another home defeat

Stones find Park too tough

RUGBY

Folkestone 0 Charlton Park 15

FOLKESTONE were given a lesson in finishing by Charlton Park as they slumped to another home defeat in London 3 South East.

The Stones enjoyed 80 per cent of the possession but were unable to turn their territorial advantage into points as the visitors made the most of their rare breakthroughs.

It was all Folkestone for the first 20 minutes as Charlton Park were pushed back inside their own 22, but there was no penetration from the home side.

When the ball was finally turned over, the visitors kicked upfield, forcing Folkestone to put the ball out inside their own 22. From the resulting line-out, Charlton Park moved the ball superbly and crossed to score by the posts.

The try was converted and a penalty followed to stretch the visitors' lead to 10-0 at the interval with Folkestone left scratching their heads.

Still no way through could be found after the break and Charlton Park capitalised to break and score their second try of the afternoon, effectively ending the game as a contest.

Folkestone's approach play was far too predictable throughout and while the visitors only found themselves in the home 22 three times all afternoon, they were clinical each time and were worthy winners.

The performance of 18-year-old Chris Petley was one of few positives for the Stones - the fly-half was withdrawn at half-time to escape the physicality of the game but his first-half display showed moments of real quality.

This Saturday promises to be no easier for Folkestone as they travel to face second-placed East Grinstead.

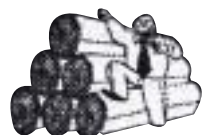
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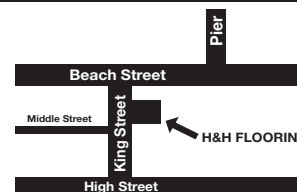


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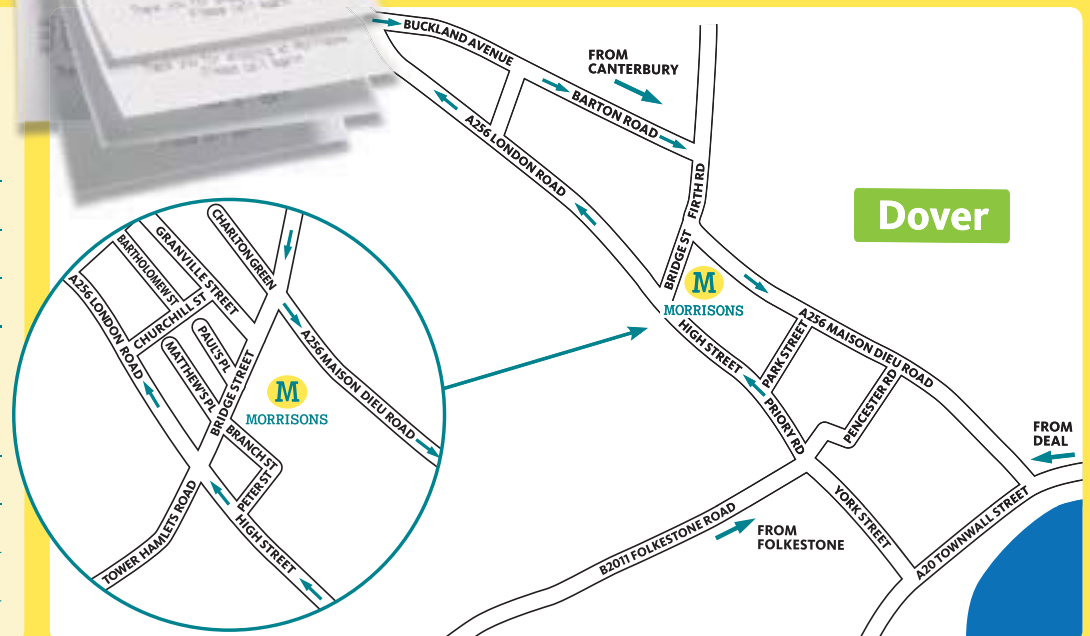
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